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## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICATORS

In the Contents, page one, page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendices D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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Most of the original and all of the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

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**POPULATION AND VITAL**

**POPULATION (a)**  
(<sup>000</sup> persons)

As at 31 Dec. -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1971	4,721.0	3,549.5	1,906.6	1,195.4	1,059.7	391.7	94.4	151.7	13,070.0
1972	4,771.9	3,604.1	1,962.2	1,209.5	1,080.9	394.0	98.2	163.1	13,283.9
1973	4,816.0	3,651.5	2,019.4	1,227.2	1,103.2	397.2	101.8	174.1	13,496.6
1974	4,878.7	3,706.1	2,074.0	1,253.6	1,137.8	402.5	(b) 72.1	184.7	13,709.5
1975	4,895.8	3,730.3	2,102.2	1,257.3	1,159.0	406.6	97.8	200.4	13,849.3
1976	4,933.0	3,764.9	2,121.6	1,268.8	1,183.7	409.3	103.9	206.2	13,991.2
1977	4,979.3	3,799.4	2,155.1	1,283.8	1,211.1	412.1	110.0	212.7	14,163.5

(a) Revised. See NOTE at the bottom of this page. (b) Decrease due to the effect of Cyclone "Tracy" on Darwin population.

**MEAN POPULATION (a)**  
(<sup>000</sup> persons)

Calendar Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,747.4	3,577.3	1,933.4	1,202.2	1,070.7	392.4	96.4	157.4	13,177.2
1973	4,793.3	3,622.4	1,988.9	1,218.3	1,090.6	395.8	99.8	168.2	13,382.3
1974	4,841.3	3,676.5	2,044.0	1,235.6	1,117.7	399.6	104.6	178.9	13,598.2
1975	4,885.3	3,718.6	2,084.7	1,252.8	1,146.9	404.5	90.3	191.0	13,774.1
1976	4,913.9	3,747.5	2,110.7	1,261.9	1,170.3	407.5	101.7	203.2	13,916.8
1977	4,956.6	3,782.0	2,137.0	1,276.7	1,197.0	410.6	106.4	208.8	14,075.1

*Financial year*

1971-72	4,717.8	3,549.2	1,906.5	1,194.7	1,058.2	391.6	94.4	151.5	13,063.9
1972-73	4,771.4	3,603.4	1,961.2	1,210.0	1,080.4	394.0	98.1	162.9	13,281.2
1973-74	4,816.4	3,651.4	2,017.3	1,226.7	1,103.4	397.3	102.1	173.6	13,488.2
1974-75	4,865.9	3,700.3	2,066.3	1,245.1	1,133.1	402.1	98.5	184.4	13,695.7
1975-76	4,896.2	3,732.6	2,098.6	1,256.5	1,158.2	406.2	97.8	198.3	13,846.2
1976-77	4,933.5	3,764.4	2,122.8	1,268.8	1,183.3	409.1	103.8	206.1	13,991.8

(a) Revised. See NOTE below. For the method of calculation see *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) June quarter 1977.

**VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA**

Period	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Components of population growth			Population at end of period ( <sup>000</sup> )
				Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) ( <sup>000</sup> )	
1974	110,673	245,177	115,833	129,344	87,248	218.9	13,709.5
1975	103,973	233,012	109,021	123,991	13,513	139.7	13,849.3
1976	109,973	227,810	112,662	115,148	25,576	141.9	13,991.2
1977	104,941	226,310	108,790	117,520	54,780	172.3	14,163.5
1976-77 -							
Sept. qr	23,919	57,186	33,423	23,763	7,232	31.0	13,946.5
Dec. qr	30,996	55,118	26,208	28,910	15,780	44.7	13,991.2
Mar. qr	29,914	57,012	25,354	31,658	13,167	44.8	14,036.0
June qr	26,861	57,638	26,509	31,129	6,924	38.1	14,074.1
1977-78 -							
Sept. qr	20,371	58,077	31,118	26,959	12,460	39.4	14,113.5
Dec. qr	27,773	53,583	25,809	27,774	22,229	50.0	14,163.5
Mar. qtr p	27,907	54,964	23,984	30,980	18,509	49.5	14,212.9

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures, excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net migration and adjustment in the light of Censuses results. (d) Census result adjusted for underenumeration.

NOTE. Population estimates shown above for dates prior to 30 June 1976 incorporate revisions following the completion of an examination of evidence for underenumeration in the 1971 and 1976 Censuses. An explanation of the basis for these revised estimates is given in *Population and Vital Statistics* (3212.0) for the June quarter 1977.

### OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

**Permanent movement** – persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departing with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

**Long-term movement** – arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

**Short-term movement** – all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

#### ARRIVALS

##### Short-term movement

Period	Short-term movement						Excess of arrivals over departures		
	Permanent movement	Long-term movement		Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals	Permanent and long-term		Total
		Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	44,675 38,706
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	21,229 20,259
1976-77	70,916	59,193	26,133	963,729	540,394	..	1,660,366	..	43,138 56,347
<b>1976-77 –</b>									
Feb.	6,583	4,133	3,640	70,739	48,393	45,632	133,487	136,480	6,777 30,681
Mar.	6,557	4,067	2,343	57,211	50,641	47,545	120,819	137,457	3,588 -15,630
Apr.	6,372	3,529	2,107	56,629	41,684	47,596	110,321	138,197	3,114 -27,787
May	6,279	3,165	1,992	67,825	36,205	41,549	115,865	127,341	2,009 -30,636
June	5,259	3,284	1,921	66,833	31,690	46,555	108,988	139,180	1,801 -16,876
<b>1977-78 –</b>									
July	6,028	4,645	2,079	77,797	40,832	49,384	131,382	153,128	4,121 3,845
Aug.	4,867	4,664	2,136	85,765	42,763	43,598	140,196	136,838	2,935 -14,496
Sept.	5,670	4,454	2,184	117,081	37,471	46,135	166,861	149,800	5,403 57,598
Oct.	6,900	4,934	1,905	90,928	45,875	43,539	150,542	134,393	6,952 37,360
Nov.	5,951	5,278	1,830	74,420	65,095	55,980	152,574	157,502	6,580 36,706
Dec.	8,969	9,300	1,791	53,014	74,026	48,297	147,101	143,103	8,696 -38,072
Jan.	6,283	5,407	3,760	143,192	49,898	46,619	208,540	136,488	4,920 50,640
Feb. p	5,629	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	133,729	136,838	n.a. 10,231
Mar. p	6,057	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	129,361	142,394	n.a. -9,134

#### DEPARTURES

##### Short-term movement

Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Australian residents departing		Overseas visitors departing		Total departures	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Overseas visitors departing	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774	..	..
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,475	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,375,781	..	..
1976-77	15,447	9,141	68,792	19,724	965,659	..	525,256	1,604,019	..	..
<b>1976-77 –</b>										
Feb.	827	635	5,017	1,099	47,722	75,342	47,507	102,807	122,006	
Mar.	1,278	737	5,968	1,396	76,232	72,700	50,839	136,450	131,409	
Apr.	1,249	739	5,594	1,313	81,897	76,695	47,407	138,199	135,260	
May	1,465	819	5,999	1,544	95,386	77,940	41,289	146,501	127,460	
June	1,173	679	5,391	1,420	85,410	83,857	31,791	125,864	138,495	
<b>1977-78 –</b>										
July	1,283	702	5,086	1,561	84,368	90,055	34,537	127,537	149,504	
Aug.	1,280	702	5,216	1,534	103,360	83,636	42,600	154,692	137,200	
Sept.	1,018	632	4,113	1,142	62,972	81,262	39,386	109,263	134,113	
Ost.	1,071	623	3,865	1,228	65,540	91,557	40,857	113,183	135,659	
Nov.	918	555	3,507	1,500	59,195	82,328	50,194	115,868	136,101	
Dec.	1,381	781	5,630	3,572	128,008	75,186	45,800	185,173	131,959	
Jan.	941	835	7,001	1,753	74,417	77,021	72,954	157,900	135,234	
Feb. p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	123,498	146,964	
Mar. p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	138,495	133,600	

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (3402.0).

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

## CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER (a), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (a)	Unemployed (a)		Labour force (a) Total - '000 -	Not in labour force (a)	Civilian population aged 15 years and over (a)	Unemployment rate (b)	Participation rate (c)
		Looking full-time work	Looking for part-time work					
MALES								
1977 : May	3,891.5	163.0	21.7	184.7	4,075.2	985.8	5,062.0	4.5
Aug.	3,866.8	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7
1978 : Mar.	3,870.1	200.2	17.3	217.6	4,087.6	1,056.6	5,144.2	5.3
Apr.	3,867.7	196.2	14.6	210.9	4,078.5	1,073.9	5,152.4	5.2
May	3,863.3	194.8	14.4	209.1	4,072.6	1,087.2	5,159.8	5.1
June	3,860.0	205.4	11.3	216.7	4,076.7	1,091.0	5,167.7	5.3
MARRIED WOMEN								
1977 : May	1,382.0	42.7	31.9	74.6	1,456.6	1,950.4	3,407.0	5.1
Aug.	1,374.5	42.0	34.7	76.8	1,451.2	1,953.5	3,404.7	5.3
1978 : Mar.	1,352.8	50.7	37.6	88.3	1,441.1	1,958.2	3,399.3	6.1
Apr.	1,354.0	47.5	35.4	82.9	1,437.0	1,956.2	3,393.2	5.8
May	1,356.5	49.8	34.1	83.9	1,440.4	1,958.7	3,399.1	5.8
June	1,345.4	46.0	34.5	80.5	1,425.9	1,977.6	3,403.5	5.6
ALL FEMALES								
1977 : May	2,132.7	112.8	56.3	169.1	2,301.8	2,878.4	5,180.2	7.3
Aug.	2,128.6	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.4
1978 : Mar.	2,117.8	145.4	57.3	202.7	2,320.5	2,947.5	5,268.0	8.7
Apr.	2,136.1	137.3	53.0	190.3	2,326.4	2,951.7	5,278.0	8.2
May	2,135.3	136.8	49.3	186.2	2,321.4	2,964.5	5,285.9	8.0
June	2,131.9	125.2	50.5	175.6	2,307.5	2,987.6	5,295.1	7.6
PERSONS								
1977 : May	6,074.2	275.8	78.0	353.8	6,378.0	3,864.2	10,242.2	5.5
Aug.	5,995.4	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7
1978 : Mar.	5,987.0	345.7	74.6	420.3	6,408.1	4,004.1	10,412.2	6.6
Apr.	5,990.8	333.5	67.6	401.1	6,404.8	4,025.6	10,430.5	6.3
May	5,997.7	331.2	63.7	395.3	6,394.0	4,051.7	10,445.7	6.2
June	5,991.9	331.6	61.8	392.3	6,384.2	4,078.6	10,462.8	6.1

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent defence forces, certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, non-Australians holidaying in Australia, and members of non-Australian defence forces in Australia. For definitions see explanatory notes in *The Labour Force, February 1978* (6203.0). (b) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (c) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)  
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees			Persons	Private/Government			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Seasonally adjusted (b)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	
1973 – June	(c) 2,985.2	(c) 2,980.7	1,617.7	1,615.8	(c) 4,602.9	(d) 5,056.5	(c) 311.0	1,287.9
1974 – June	3,068.2	3,061.9	1,738.3	1,735.8	4,806.5	4,797.7	3,470.1	1,329.8
1975 – June	(c) 3,043.5	(c) 3,034.5	1,709.2	1,706.1	(c) 4,752.7	(d) 4,741.5	(c) 312.5	1,436.9
1976 – June	3,006.1	2,997.0	1,733.0	1,730.1	4,739.1	4,727.1	3,305.9	1,424.9
1976/77 –								
Mar.	2,994.7	2,987.2	1,749.7	1,745.8	4,744.5	4,733.0	3,288.9	1,455.5
Apr.	2,987.7	2,980.8	1,750.9	1,745.8	4,738.6	4,726.6	3,278.9	1,450.4
May	2,983.2	2,971.8	1,749.3	1,745.0	4,732.6	4,716.8	3,273.0	1,453.6
June	2,779.2	2,969.6	1,747.1	1,744.5	4,726.2	4,714.1	3,265.1	1,452.3
1977/78 –							3,262.5	1,455.2
July	2,966.9	2,967.6	1,748.6	1,747.4	4,717.7	4,715.0	3,251.0	1,455.9
Aug.	2,964.5	2,968.4	1,752.5	1,752.7	4,717.0	4,721.1	3,246.5	1,454.4
Sept. (c)	2,955.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,754.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.3	1,453.5
Oct. (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	1,452.7
Nov.	2,959.6	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	1,452.6
Dec.	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,246.5	1,452.9
Jan.	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	4,739.7	3,246.1	1,456.5
Feb.	2,952.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	1,459.8
Mar.	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,239.3	1,450.6
Apr.	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,768.1	1,762.5	4,724.1	4,711.4	3,236.2	1,457.3
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,769.2	1,764.8	4,721.1	4,705.1	3,222.6	1,458.7

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current records of Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1971 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on these series see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0) published monthly. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1978 (1308.0) to be released shortly. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. r = revised.

**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) ('000)**  
**(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)**

Month	Manu-fac-turing	Con-struction	Whole-sale and retail trade	Trans-port and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public admin-istration and defence (b)	Entertain-ment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)		Other Indus-tries (d)	Total
							Com-munity services	ser-vices (c)		
MALES										
1973 - June	(e)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	385.7	552.8	218.4	202.8	143.0	252.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	218.8	198.3	154.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(e)3,043.5
1976 - June	888.7	352.8	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,006.1
1976-77 -										
Apr.	874.2	342.8	556.7	212.5	197.2	152.5	290.3	110.9	250.6	2,987.7
May	870.5	342.1	555.7	212.2	197.5	152.9	290.6	111.0	250.7	2,983.2
June	866.0	342.9	554.9	212.2	197.4	152.9	291.4	110.7	251.0	2,979.2
1977-78 -										
July	859.8	340.9	553.3	211.7	196.7	152.5	291.3	110.2	251.4	2,968.6
Aug.	858.4	338.7	551.9	211.2	196.4	152.8	293.3	110.5	251.4	2,964.5
Sept.	(e)855.9	336.3	550.7	211.0	196.0	152.9	293.0	110.9	(e)248.6	(e)2,955.3
Oct.	(e)853.5	336.0	550.4	211.1	195.3	152.9	293.5	111.0	(e)2,954.4	(e)2,954.4
Nov.	854.0	335.9	552.5	212.3	194.9	153.0	293.8	111.7	250.6	2,959.6
Dec.	849.9	334.8	554.4	214.5	195.8	153.0	292.8	112.8	251.9	2,960.3
Jan.	848.8	333.0	550.9	212.2	196.0	153.7	295.5	112.4	252.1	2,954.6
Feb.	852.4	336.9	549.6	212.1	196.6	153.8	298.3	111.5	252.3	2,962.6
March	850.3	336.3	549.3	210.7	196.6	153.9	299.3	111.4	251.8	2,959.6
April	847.6	336.0	546.1	r210.4	196.4	r154.0	300.7	r111.5	251.4	r2,956.0
May	844.7	335.9	547.5	210.1	196.6	154.1	301.2	111.0	250.9	2,951.9
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	416.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.5	458.7	163.5	45.7	1,709.2
1976 - June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,733.0
1976-77 -										
Apr.	295.0	18.1	414.4	36.8	187.6	92.8	499.7	161.3	45.1	1,750.9
May	291.9	18.1	413.7	37.0	188.0	93.4	500.4	161.5	45.3	1,749.3
June	290.2	18.1	414.0	37.1	187.6	93.3	501.1	160.6	45.0	1,747.1
1977-78 -										
July	288.5	18.0	413.9	37.0	187.7	94.4	503.9	160.1	45.5	1,748.8
Aug.	289.1	18.1	413.4	37.0	187.5	95.3	506.8	160.0	45.5	1,752.5
Sept.	289.2	17.9	414.4	37.1	187.6	94.8	503.6	161.8	45.4	(e)1,756.8
Oct.	289.2	18.0	417.3	37.3	187.8	94.7	510.4	162.6	45.5	1,762.5
Nov.	290.2	17.9	421.9	37.4	187.4	95.0	511.5	163.3	45.6	1,770.1
Dec.	286.4	18.0	425.7	37.4	188.0	95.2	503.4	163.0	46.3	1,763.5
Jan.	283.9	18.0	415.4	37.0	187.8	95.2	504.1	162.4	46.2	1,748.0
Feb.	286.2	18.0	415.2	37.1	188.5	95.9	513.5	161.6	45.9	1,761.9
Mar.	285.3	18.0	414.2	37.0	188.9	96.2	517.3	161.1	46.4	1,764.3
Apr.	283.2	18.1	416.9	36.9	188.9	96.5	519.5	161.8	46.2	1,768.1
May	283.0	18.0	417.9	37.2	189.0	96.3	520.1	161.4	46.5	1,769.2
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	285.9	(e)4,601.9
1974 - June	1,331.4	404.7	969.2	255.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	245.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,196.9	370.9	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	272.3	295.0	4,739.1
1976-77 -										
Apr.	1,169.2	360.9	971.2	249.3	384.9	245.3	790.0	272.2	295.8	4,738.6
May	1,162.3	360.2	969.4	249.2	385.5	246.4	791.0	272.4	296.1	4,732.6
June	1,156.2	361.0	968.9	249.3	385.0	246.1	792.4	271.3	296.0	4,726.2
1977-78 -										
July	1,148.3	358.9	967.2	248.6	384.4	246.9	796.2	270.3	296.9	4,717.7
Aug.	1,147.4	356.8	965.2	248.2	383.8	248.1	800.1	270.6	296.7	4,717.0
Sept.	(e)1,145.1	354.2	965.1	248.1	383.6	247.6	801.6	272.7	(e)294.0	(e)4,712.1
Oct.	(e)1,142.7	354.0	967.6	248.3	383.1	247.7	803.7	273.6	296.0	(e)4,716.9
Nov.	1,144.2	353.8	974.4	250.6	382.3	247.9	805.3	274.9	296.1	4,727.9
Dec.	1,136.4	352.8	980.1	252.1	383.8	248.2	796.1	275.9	298.3	4,723.7
Jan.	1,132.7	350.9	964.3	249.2	383.9	248.9	796.6	274.7	298.4	4,702.6
Feb.	1,138.6	354.9	964.7	248.3	385.1	249.7	811.7	273.1	298.5	4,724.6
Mar.	1,135.6	354.3	963.5	247.6	385.6	250.1	816.5	272.5	298.2	4,724.0
Apr.	1,130.9	354.1	965.0	r247.3	388.3	r250.5	820.2	r273.3	297.5	r4,724.1
May	1,127.7	353.9	963.3	247.3	385.6	250.4	821.3	272.4	297.3	4,721.1

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communications. (e) Affected by industrial disputes. r - revised.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1976 - June	1,076.5	827.7	410.6	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,006.1
1976-77 -									
Apr.	1,062.6	822.7	407.0	277.3	255.1	89.4	23.4	50.2	2,987.7
May	1,060.8	821.2	407.3	276.8	254.2	89.2	23.6	50.3	2,983.2
June	1,058.8	818.8	409.7	275.5	253.8	88.7	23.7	50.2	2,979.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,056.3	814.3	408.0	274.3	253.8	88.1	23.9	50.2	2,968.9
Aug.	1,055.7	812.5	407.5	273.1	253.7	88.1	23.8	50.2	2,964.5
Sept.	1,054.2	(c)807.0	407.6	271.6	253.3	87.8	23.6	50.2	(c)2,955.3
Oct.	1,054.8	(c)807.3	406.0	271.4	253.7	87.4	23.5	50.1	(c)2,954.4
Nov.	1,056.3	811.1	403.7	272.0	255.0	87.9	23.2	50.4	2,959.6
Dec.	1,057.8	814.9	398.4	272.5	254.7	88.4	23.2	50.4	2,960.3
Jan.	1,055.2	814.7	396.7	271.2	254.8	88.3	23.2	50.4	2,954.6
Feb.	1,060.1	815.3	398.2	271.2	255.9	88.3	23.1	50.7	2,962.6
Mar.	1,059.7	813.5	398.8	269.8	256.1	88.1	23.0	50.5	2,959.6
Apr.	1,058.6	810.5	399.9	269.2	255.9	87.7	23.2	50.8	2,956.0
May	1,058.8	808.7	400.4	267.5	254.8	87.8	23.3	50.7	2,951.9
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	132.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.6	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1976 - June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.8	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,733.0
1976-77 -									
Apr.	625.2	498.0	216.9	170.0	143.5	48.7	12.9	35.8	1,750.9
May	624.2	497.6	217.4	169.3	143.3	48.6	13.1	35.9	1,749.3
June	624.4	495.4	218.0	168.8	142.9	48.4	13.2	35.8	1,747.1
1977-78 -									
July	624.4	495.1	218.8	169.3	143.5	48.5	13.3	36.1	1,748.8
Aug.	625.5	496.5	219.1	169.1	144.4	48.6	13.1	36.2	1,752.5
Sept.	627.2	(c)497.0	221.0	168.4	145.2	48.8	13.1	36.1	(c)1,756.8
Oct.	629.8	498.6	221.1	168.8	146.2	48.8	13.0	36.2	1,762.5
Nov.	632.0	500.7	220.9	171.1	147.0	49.3	13.0	36.1	1,770.1
Dec.	630.3	502.4	218.4	169.2	144.8	49.3	13.1	36.0	1,763.5
Jan.	619.5	500.3	218.3	167.0	144.8	49.3	13.0	35.9	1,748.0
Feb.	626.6	501.5	219.1	169.8	146.5	49.4	13.0	36.1	1,761.9
Mar.	627.5	501.3	218.8	169.9	148.0	49.5	13.1	36.1	1,764.3
Apr.	627.3	502.3	220.7	169.7	148.7	49.6	13.2	36.6	1,768.1
May	629.1	501.6	221.4	168.7	148.6	49.5	13.4	36.8	1,769.2
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.3	356.8	129.2	36.6	72.0	(c)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,767.7	1,345.2	625.3	439.4	375.3	133.7	40.1	80.0	4,806.3
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1976 - June	1,699.8	1,322.8	626.7	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,739.1
1976-77 -									
Apr.	1,687.8	1,320.7	623.9	447.3	398.6	138.1	36.3	86.0	4,738.6
May	1,684.9	1,318.8	624.7	446.0	397.5	137.8	36.7	86.1	4,732.6
June	1,683.3	1,314.2	627.7	444.3	396.7	137.1	36.9	86.0	4,726.2
1977-78 -									
July	1,680.7	1,309.4	626.8	443.5	397.3	136.6	37.1	86.3	4,712.7
Aug.	1,681.2	1,309.0	626.6	442.1	398.1	136.7	36.9	86.4	4,717.0
Sept.	1,681.4	(c)1,304.0	628.6	439.9	398.5	136.6	36.8	86.3	(c)4,712.1
Oct.	1,684.6	(c)1,305.9	627.1	440.2	400.0	136.2	36.6	86.3	(c)4,716.9
Nov.	1,688.3	1,311.8	624.6	443.2	402.0	137.2	36.2	86.5	4,729.7
Dec.	1,688.1	1,317.4	616.8	441.7	399.5	137.7	36.3	86.4	4,723.7
Jan.	1,674.7	1,315.0	615.1	438.2	399.6	137.6	36.2	86.3	4,702.6
Feb.	1,686.7	1,316.7	617.3	441.0	402.4	137.7	36.1	86.7	4,724.6
Mar.	1,697.2	1,314.9	617.6	439.7	404.1	137.6	36.1	86.6	4,724.0
Apr.	1,685.8	1,312.8	620.6	439.0	404.7	137.3	36.5	87.5	4,724.1
May	1,687.9	1,310.3	621.8	436.2	403.5	137.2	36.7	87.5	4,721.1

(a) See Footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. r - revised.

## REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Males	Females	Persons
1974 - June	28,957	21,258	9,537	7,128	7,782	3,310	855	47,478	31,349	78,827
1975 - June	94,595	70,360	37,491	19,119	17,003	6,190	1,217	154,536	91,439	245,975
1976 - June	111,127	66,118	38,586	17,593	21,103	8,986	1,738	172,988	92,263	265,251
1976-77 -										
May	138,869	72,838	48,474	25,917	23,524	8,116	3,445	208,937	112,246	321,183
June	140,957	77,613	48,582	27,590	25,573	8,786	3,692	217,642	115,151	332,793
1977-78 -										
July	139,688	78,713	49,819	29,134	26,588	9,505	3,944	223,856	113,535	337,391
Aug.	137,130	79,289	47,923	29,299	26,595	9,740	4,002	225,621	108,357	333,978
Sept.	133,640	77,568	47,712	30,155	25,749	9,416	3,972	223,122	105,090	328,212
Oct.	133,087	119,002	48,143	30,663	26,135	9,334	3,971	261,829	108,506	370,335
Nov.	138,502	87,508	57,618	32,330	27,334	9,857	3,788	240,408	116,549	356,957
Dec.	154,694	99,286	65,716	36,832	30,964	12,621	3,972	270,109	133,976	404,085
Jan.	170,815	106,372	74,484	41,205	35,236	12,807	4,381	295,090	150,210	445,300
Feb.	163,036	103,370	71,957	39,896	35,571	12,879	4,547	281,848	149,408	431,256
Mar.	154,427	98,051	68,665	39,190	33,364	12,051	4,246	268,362	141,632	409,994
Apr.	149,979	97,425	65,523	40,227	33,433	11,680	4,267	265,180	137,354	402,534
May	144,942	94,839	62,796	40,455	32,728	11,999	4,404	261,755	130,408	392,163
June	144,101	95,172	63,181	40,491	34,443	11,944	4,510	265,232	128,610	393,842

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were seeking full-time employment, i.e. 35 hours or more per week. Includes those referred to employers but whose employment was still unconfirmed, and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) includes the Australian Capital Territory.

## VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Adults		Juniors (d)
								Seasonally adjusted (e)	Original adjusted (e)	Seasonally adjusted (e)
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	48,128	51,520	14,052
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	21,622	23,059	3,895
1976 - June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	16,735	17,716	2,459
1976-77 -										
May	6,771	6,977	1,791	1,165	1,995	918	277	15,959	15,697	3,935
June	6,405	6,816	1,911	1,063	1,760	947	227	15,332	16,236	3,797
1977-78 -										
July	6,557	6,792	1,749	1,125	1,771	840	252	15,055	16,240	4,031
Aug.	7,041	6,661	2,114	1,482	1,972	864	241	15,844	16,219	4,531
Sept.	6,802	6,609	1,932	1,422	1,959	924	230	14,982	14,996	4,896
Oct.	7,856	6,713	2,026	1,306	2,129	804	265	15,723	15,777	5,376
Nov.	7,619	6,377	1,740	1,442	1,928	834	316	14,129	15,081	6,127
Dec.	8,631	5,684	1,569	1,182	1,635	991	271	12,208	14,658	7,755
Jan.	11,008	7,188	1,825	1,642	1,909	1,033	263	15,474	13,745	9,394
Feb.	8,371	7,260	1,875	1,661	1,947	911	232	15,589	13,392	6,668
Mar.	6,963	6,255	2,034	1,501	1,622	882	266	14,030	13,169	5,493
Apr.	6,809	5,845	1,983	1,450	1,449	771	261	13,045	12,734	5,523
May	6,611	5,683	2,034	1,290	1,303	727	256	12,923	12,711	4,981
June	6,383	5,291	2,208	1,234	1,296	613	178	12,463	13,187	4,740

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month vacancies for full-time, part-time, permanent, temporary and seasonal positions are included. (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Juniors comprise all persons under 21 years of age, including school leavers. (e) For details of the methods used see Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978 (1308.0) to be issued shortly.

NOTE. Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. To reduce to a minimum the delay in collection of data and publication of the results a quarterly telephone survey in respect of vacancies was commenced in May 1977. These surveys will be conducted in February, May, August and November each year. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differ substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at February 1978 was 36,000 while the C.E.S. figure was 22,257. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, November 1977* (6231.0).

**PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
 (Source : Department of Social Security)

<i>Date</i>	<i>N.S.W. (a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A. (b)</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Australia</i>		
							<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1977 July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
1978 June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091
<b>1976-77 -</b>									
May 20	110,492	n.a.	34,350	n.a.	16,489	6,554	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>1977-78 -</b>									
July 1	111,703	n.a.	33,592	23,494	18,942	7,078	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	112,186	54,982	34,340	24,533	19,790	7,978	176,414	77,395	253,809
Aug. 26	111,505	57,256	33,710	25,268	19,207	7,917	179,604	75,259	254,863
Sept. 23	106,696	54,669	33,500	25,890	20,713	8,083	177,668	71,883	249,551
Oct. 21	105,277	61,425	33,354	25,732	19,499	8,037	182,162	71,162	253,324
Dec. 2	95,170	60,372	33,709	25,321	16,581	7,179	172,028	66,304	238,332
Dec. 30	105,021	57,626	39,146	28,043	18,777	7,610	185,211	71,012	256,223
Jan. 27	108,165	64,795	39,924	28,540	19,228	9,244	192,871	77,025	269,896
Feb. 24	117,917	69,245	47,732	31,744	22,240	9,577	206,991	91,464	298,455
Mar. 24	110,000	64,693	45,953	31,519	20,293	8,785	192,350	87,893	280,243
Apr. 21	109,856	66,479	43,865	32,577	21,412	9,119	195,981	87,327	283,308
June 2	101,653	65,121	42,102	33,125	21,000	9,383	190,786	81,598	272,384
June 30	104,708	67,632	43,796	34,578	25,620	9,757	203,328	82,763	286,091

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

**PERSONS RECEIVING SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA**  
 (Source : Department of Social Security)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sickness</i>	<i>Special</i>	
		<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Migrant (a)</i>
1975 June 28	25,478	5,552	49
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1977 July 29	35,102	9,315	169
<b>1976-77 -</b>			
May 20	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>1977-78 -</b>			
July 1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
July 29	35,102	9,315	169
Aug. 26	35,929	9,481	176
Sept. 23	35,665	9,179	210
Oct. 21	35,647	9,492	247
Dec. 2	36,980	9,609	551
Dec. 30	31,915	8,912	564
Jan. 27	33,684	9,958	508
Feb. 24	34,670	10,083	540
Mar. 24	32,396	10,014	446
Apr. 21	35,285	10,825	539
June 2	33,748	10,538	914
June 30	35,168	10,964	1,013

(a) In Australian Government centres or hotels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

## INTERNAL TRADE

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. The estimates are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For further explanation see *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) December quarter 1977.

Period	Commodity groups											Total (excl. motor vehi- cles, etc.)
	Gro- ceries (b)	But- chers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Cloth- ing and dry- ery	Foot- wear	Hard- ware (d)	Electri- cal goods (e)	Furni- ture	Chem- ists' goods	Newspapers, books and sta- tionery	
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	2,636.0	1,046.9	1,643.6	2,083.1	2,612.7	399.1	659.6	1,372.5	941.0	900.6	593.1	1,431.5
1975-76	3,156.7	1,114.0	1,857.3	2,534.9	2,925.9	453.3	768.4	1,742.9	1,088.5	1,053.5	686.3	1,663.5
1976-77	3,711.5	1,269.4	2,082.1	2,840.6	3,241.3	508.1	838.2	1,929.9	1,211.3	1,138.1	773.2	1,832.1
1977-78												
Dec. qtr	979.3	323.4	548.0	781.3	925.2	138.6	276.5	579.1	344.2	319.9	211.6	568.0
Mar. qtr	898.9	306.1	514.5	710.8	677.3	112.7	186.4	418.8	267.5	264.0	199.7	416.8
June qtr	964.8	337.9	532.4	699.6	886.0	140.8	194.1	452.1	298.6	282.3	188.2	430.9
Sept. qtr	998.4	343.0	545.4	715.2	825.9	130.9	206.7	447.6	321.4	294.6	194.9	462.1
Dec. qtr	1,127.8	361.4	609.6	860.0	1,019.9	153.5	314.2	553.8	362.2	341.2	247.5	619.7
Mar. qtr	1,041.2	344.1	584.9	789.1	744.2	124.8	214.1	412.1	278.8	287.6	211.7	467.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77												
Dec. qtr	915.2	314.9	516.5	703.7	808.9	124.5	210.7	493.4	308.1	281.6	190.8	463.3
Mar. qtr	942.9	321.7	525.9	710.2	819.6	129.7	213.4	473.5	305.9	285.2	196.5	460.6
June qtr	982.0	335.4	542.6	742.6	828.7	134.0	214.3	464.7	306.8	293.9	201.4	469.9
1977-78												
Sept. qtr	1,061.3	337.0	556.0	758.1	857.5	136.2	226.5	461.7	311.5	299.6	206.5	484.5
Dec. qtr	1,053.8	352.9	576.7	771.8	889.9	136.7	239.7	474.5	323.5	301.9	224.4	504.4
Mar. qtr	1,068.5	361.7	590.7	788.3	903.3	144.6	245.9	467.2	322.4	311.8	209.0	518.8
MONTHLY ESTIMATES												
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)												
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Period
1976-77												
Apr.	1,746.7	1,791.9	Nov.	2,018.0	1,942.8	1977-78						
May	1,869.0	1,868.3	Dec.	2,645.9	1,971.3							
June	1,786.6	1,850.0	Jan.	1,786.8	1,956.4							
1977-78												
July	1,776.9	1,865.9	Feb.	1,765.3	1,995.0							
Aug.	1,841.6	1,870.8	Mar.	1,948.1	1,988.7							
Sept.	1,867.6	1,900.6	Apr. p	1,910.0	2,020.0							
Oct.	1,906.9	1,928.5	May p	2,119.0	2,058.0							

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

NOTE. Figures from June quarter 1977 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

## INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charges, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1976-77 : Apr.	91.5	25.4	116.8	145.0	2,546.8
May	104.5	29.7	134.2	167.1	2,571.2
June	105.8	27.7	133.4	161.4	2,604.3
1977-78 : July	99.4	26.3	125.7	155.7	2,628.4
Aug.	107.9	24.9	132.8	168.1	2,649.6
Sept.	105.5	25.9	131.4	163.6	2,676.0
Oct.	95.2	29.4	124.6	158.7	2,698.3
Nov.	101.4	30.9	132.3	163.9	2,724.9
Dec.	95.2	32.3	127.6	154.6	2,747.0
Jan.	95.2	19.1	114.3	154.0	2,761.7
Feb.	93.5	21.6	115.2	171.6	2,774.1
Mar.	101.0	22.3	123.3	172.6	2,761.1
Apr.	98.0	24.0	122.0	167.0	2,772.4
May	109.5	29.0	138.5	183.2	2,790.1
States, May 1978 -					
N.S.W.	36.8	13.9	50.7	60.4	977.5
Vic.	25.6	5.8	31.4	42.6	604.2
Qld	15.9	4.4	20.3	28.4	472.2
S.A.	9.7	1.3	11.0	(a)19.5	(a)264.6
W.A.	13.3	2.1	15.5	19.7	298.4
Tas.	4.8	0.6	5.4	8.1	103.9
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.8	3.1	4.5	69.3
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Apr.	0.1	19.3	19.4	24.9	166.2
May	0.1	21.4	21.5	26.1	163.8
June	0.1	21.4	21.5	25.6	161.8
1977-78 : July	..	22.0	22.0	23.8	160.8
Aug.	0.1	21.1	21.2	23.4	160.7
Sept.	0.1	19.0	19.1	22.2	159.5
Oct.	..	19.1	19.1	21.8	158.4
Nov.	..	21.9	21.9	22.2	160.0
Dec.	0.1	26.3	26.4	21.4	166.8
Jan.	..	15.3	15.3	21.1	162.7
Feb.	..	15.3	15.3	21.6	158.2
Mar.	..	16.4	16.5	20.4	156.1
Apr.	..	18.3	18.4	20.9	155.4
May	..	19.0	19.0	22.4	153.9
States, May 1978 -					
N.S.W.	..	5.1	5.1	6.0	44.2
Vic.	..	6.5	6.5	7.7	48.6
Qld	..	2.0	2.0	2.2	14.7
S.A.	..	3.1	3.2	(a)3.8	(a)28.2
W.A.	..	1.5	1.9	2.2	14.7
Tas.	..	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.2
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	..	0.2
ALL BUSINESSES					
1976-77 : Apr.	91.6	44.7	136.2	169.9	2,712.9
May	104.6	51.2	155.7	193.2	2,735.0
June	105.8	49.1	154.9	187.0	2,766.2
1977-78 : July	99.4	48.3	147.7	179.5	2,789.1
Aug.	108.0	46.0	154.0	191.5	2,810.2
Sept.	105.6	44.9	150.5	185.8	2,835.4
Oct.	95.2	48.5	143.7	180.5	2,856.7
Nov.	101.4	52.8	154.2	186.1	2,884.9
Dec.	95.3	58.6	153.9	176.0	2,913.8
Jan.	95.2	34.4	129.5	175.1	2,925.4
Feb.	93.6	36.9	130.5	193.5	2,912.3
Mar.	101.0	38.8	139.8	192.9	2,917.2
Apr.	98.0	42.3	140.4	187.9	2,927.9
May	109.5	48.0	157.5	205.6	2,944.0
States, May 1978 -					
N.S.W.	36.8	19.0	55.7	66.3	1,021.7
Vic.	25.6	12.3	37.9	50.3	652.8
Qld	16.0	6.3	22.3	30.6	487.0
S.A.	9.7	4.4	14.1	(a)23.4	(a)292.8
W.A.	13.3	4.0	17.4	21.9	313.2
Tas.	4.8	1.1	5.8	8.5	107.1
N.T.	1.0	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.4	0.8	3.1	4.5	69.5

(a) Includes Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

## OVERSEAS TRADE

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASS  
(\$ million)

Producers' materials for use in -

Period	Manufacturing										Auxiliary aids to production	Munitions and war stores					
	Building and construction		Rural industries		Motor vehicle assembly		Other		Total	Fuels and lubricants							
	Class I.A	%	Class I.B	%	Class I.C(5)	%	Class I.C(1-4)	%	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.					
1974-75	239.0	3.0	115.2	1.4	413.5	5.2	2,511.7	31.6	3,279.4	41.2	234.3	2.9	156.2	2.0	47.3	0.6	
1975-76	249.4	3.1	87.2	1.1	515.1	6.3	2,441.6	29.9	3,293.4	40.4	282.6	3.3	156.1	1.9	68.5	0.8	
1976-77	342.8	3.3	94.1	0.9	636.7	6.2	3,166.3	30.7	4,240.0	41.0	337.4	3.3	86.3	0.8	116.4	1.1	
1976-77 -																	
Apr.	29.9	3.4	7.0	0.8	56.0	6.4	268.9	30.5	361.8	41.1	37.3	4.2	6.6	0.7	6.4	0.7	
May	27.1	2.8	11.4	1.2	61.5	6.4	321.5	33.2	421.4	43.5	23.5	2.4	7.7	0.8	11.7	1.2	
June	32.5	3.5	8.8	0.9	54.8	5.9	274.2	29.5	370.3	39.8	25.7	2.8	7.2	0.8	30.5	3.3	
1977-78 p -																	
July	25.7	2.8	6.6	0.7	51.4	5.5	312.1	33.4	395.7	42.4	27.2	2.9	7.7	0.8	4.2	0.5	
Aug.	27.2	2.7	14.1	1.4	58.5	5.8	293.2	29.2	393.0	39.1	22.1	2.2	7.1	0.7	4.7	0.5	
Sept.	23.1	2.7	7.0	0.8	45.4	5.2	279.2	32.0	354.8	40.7	26.2	3.0	6.5	0.7	5.1	0.6	
Oct.	27.9	3.1	8.7	1.0	39.9	4.4	305.5	33.4	382.1	41.8	36.2	4.0	7.1	0.8	7.8	0.9	
Nov.	26.5	2.8	7.5	0.8	45.5	4.8	288.7	30.6	368.2	39.1	46.0	4.9	8.1	0.9	4.9	0.5	
Dec.	19.7	2.6	3.5	0.5	37.1	4.9	231.8	30.8	292.0	38.8	17.6	2.3	8.6	1.1	6.5	0.9	
Jan.	29.4	3.0	11.9	1.2	48.9	5.0	324.9	33.2	415.2	42.5	48.9	5.0	11.6	1.2	6.8	0.7	
Feb.	25.2	3.0	11.9	1.4	41.8	4.9	271.1	32.0	350.1	41.3	18.8	2.2	8.3	1.0	6.9	0.8	
Mar.	27.3	2.9	9.8	1.0	49.9	5.2	290.0	30.4	377.0	39.5	37.6	3.9	9.2	1.0	12.6	1.3	
Apr.	23.7	2.7	12.9	1.4	45.5	5.1	294.9	33.1	377.1	42.3	20.7	2.3	9.4	1.1	8.7	1.0	
May	31.2	3.1	13.0	1.3	60.9	6.0	312.0	30.8	417.0	41.1	28.4	2.8	8.6	0.8	14.6	1.4	
	Capital equipment																
	Transport equipment										Finished consumer goods			Total imports			
	Producers' equipment	Complete road vehicles and assembled chassis	Railway equipment, vessels and civil aircraft	Food beverages and tobacco Class V,A,B,C	Clothing and accessories Class VI,D	All other Class VI,E-J	Total Class VI.	Imports of merchandise			Seasonally adjusted (a)			Original			
Period		Class IV.	Class V.B					Original			Seasonally adjusted (a)						
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%								
1974-75	1,674.8	21.0	526.5	6.6	144.4	1.8	280.5	3.5	233.0	2.9	1,384.2	17.4	1,897.7	23.8	7,961	8,080	
1975-76	1,685.4	20.7	502.9	6.2	114.1	1.4	287.7	3.5	243.2	3.0	1,524.0	18.7	2,054.8	25.2	8,158	8,240	
1976-77	2,086.5	20.2	700.9	6.8	132.5	1.3	449.9	4.4	307.4	3.0	1,872.7	18.1	2,630.1	25.5	10,330	10,411	
1976-77 -																	
Apr.	185.8	21.1	62.6	7.1	8.0	0.9	40.9	4.6	20.3	2.3	150.3	17.1	211.6	24.0	880.2	886	1,004
May	199.6	20.6	63.0	6.5	13.5	1.4	41.0	4.2	18.1	1.9	169.0	17.5	228.1	23.6	968.4	976	927
June	199.1	21.4	64.6	6.9	9.3	1.0	46.1	5.0	21.0	2.3	156.0	16.8	223.1	24.0	929.8	939	967
1977-78 p -																	
July	184.7	19.8	64.3	6.9	14.6	1.6	49.1	5.3	30.0	3.2	155.9	16.7	235.0	25.2	933.4	940	933
Aug.	209.5	20.9	64.2	6.4	20.9	2.1	60.2	6.0	37.5	3.7	184.8	18.4	282.5	28.1	1,004.2	1,011	906
Sept.	172.5	19.8	53.7	6.2	15.4	1.8	48.3	5.5	26.9	3.1	161.8	18.6	237.0	27.2	871.2	877	877
Oct.	191.0	20.5	45.6	3.0	28.9	3.2	36.5	4.0	21.4	2.3	156.9	17.2	214.7	23.5	913.4	921	923
Nov.	208.6	22.1	56.9	6.0	13.2	1.4	41.1	4.4	22.6	2.4	173.1	18.4	236.7	25.1	942.7	951	902
Dec.	171.4	22.8	56.5	7.5	14.5	1.9	32.9	4.4	23.4	3.1	128.9	17.1	185.3	24.6	752.4	758	843
Jan.	197.3	20.2	56.0	3.7	12.1	1.2	46.2	4.7	39.0	4.0	144.3	14.8	229.5	23.5	977.5	986	935
Feb.	189.7	22.4	41.1	4.9	9.2	1.1	40.2	4.7	46.2	5.5	136.4	16.1	222.8	26.3	846.7	854	920
Mar.	205.7	21.6	67.8	7.1	21.5	2.3	38.9	4.1	33.7	3.5	150.1	15.7	222.8	23.3	954.2	967	945
Apr.	190.1	21.3	57.5	6.4	30.7	3.4	36.2	4.1	21.5	2.4	137.3	15.6	196.9	22.1	891.2	897	1,026
May	228.7	22.6	61.3	6.0	27.4	2.7	42.6	4.2	21.4	2.1	163.7	16.1	227.7	22.5	1,013.7	1,020	955

(a) Seasonally adjusted figures from 1976-77 are derived from the values of total imports on the new basis of valuation.

**EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES**  
 (\$ million)

**EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES**  
(*\$ million*)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Meat and meat prepar- ations</i>	<i>Cereal grains and cereal prepar- ations</i>	<i>Sugar, sugar prepar- ations and honey</i>	<i>Other (dairy produce, fruit, etc.)</i>	<i>Wool and sheep- skins</i>	<i>Metal- liferous ores and metal scrap</i>	<i>Coal, coke and briquettes</i>	<i>Metals, metal manu- factures, mach- inery, transport equip- ment</i>	<i>Other exports</i>	<i>All exports of merchandise</i>	<i>Season- ally adjusted</i>
	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>
1974-75	380	646	124	249	653	976	267	842	761	4,898	..
1975-76	506	646	124	294	819	927	246	773	793	5,128	..
1976-77	601	681	157	325	952	976	279	797	857	5,625	..
1975-76 — June qtr	134	200	30	80	185	243	73	200	204	1,349	1,325
1976-77 — Sept. qtr	156	189	54	88	250	267	66	215	229	1,514	1,503
Dec. qtr	135	142	53	77	257	240	69	208	216	1,397	1,414
Mar. qtr	139	171	27	75	253	221	67	185	195	1,333	1,355
June qtr	171	179	23	86	191	248	77	190	216	1,381	1,356
1977-78 p — Sept. qtr	172	200	48	71	129	257	69	216	239	1,401	1,388

**IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES**  
(*\$ million*)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverages and tobacco</i>	<i>Fuels</i>	<i>Basic materials</i>	<i>Chemicals (incl. plastics)</i>	<i>Textiles, fabrics etc.</i>	<i>Metals, metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment</i>	<i>Other imports</i>	<i>All imports of merchandise</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Original</i>
1974-75 (a)	251	156	243	496	332	2,446	1,175	5,099	..	
1975-76 (a)	234	148	248	408	451	2,105	1,140	4,734	..	
1976-77	269	167	256	491	473	2,354	1,277	5,287	..	
1975-76 — June qtr (a)	56	35	63	120	112	551	288	1,225	1,270	
1976-77 — Sept. qtr	65	48	62	123	119	556	325	1,298	1,246	
Dec. qtr	73	33	70	124	123	575	334	1,332	1,302	
Mar. qtr	70	43	60	119	112	626	329	1,359	1,403	
June qtr	61	43	63	125	119	597	289	1,297	1,345	
1977-78 p — Sept. qtr	77	41	65	121	120	549	322	1,296	1,241	

(a) Prior to September quarter 1976, the recorded value of imports was the higher of actual selling price or current domestic value (in the country of export). Since then a system of valuation based on the Brussels Definition of Value has been used. It has been estimated that if the previous basis of valuation had continued, the current price values of total imports would have been about 2% higher than the recorded values on the new basis. The estimates at average 1966-67 prices would be affected to a much lesser degree.

## PRICES AND WAGES

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series as from September quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (6401.0).

**GROUP INDEX NUMBERS**  
**WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES**  
 (Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation (b)	All groups
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	++	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	++	193.3
1976-77	201.2	232.5	251.8	196.3	221.9	229.8	265.8	104.1	220.0
<b>1976-77 -</b>									
Dec. qtr	199.6	232.1	249.4	193.0	218.6	229.2	295.4	101.6	219.3
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3
June qtr	209.4	244.1	261.6	203.5	228.7	233.4	304.9	108.8	229.6
<b>1977-78 -</b>									
Sept. qtr	217.4	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1	234.1
Dec. qtr	222.1	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6	239.6
Mar. qtr	223.5	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9	242.7

(a) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (b) Base : September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

**ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS**  
 (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9	171.0
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
<b>1976-77 -</b>									
Dec. qtr	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0	219.2
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5	224.2
June qtr	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3	229.4
<b>1977-78 -</b>									
Sept. qtr	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9
Dec. qtr	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.1	238.1	231.9	239.5
Mar. qtr	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (6411.0) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Manufactured materials (imported) (b)										
Period	Chemicals	Metal manufacturers, components, for transport equipment and machinery	Other manufactured materials (b)	Other materials (imported and home produced) (c)				Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
				Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity, gas and fuels				
Value weights (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00	
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1	
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	163.0	229.0	202.9	142.0	158.6	
1976-77 p	160.3	211.6	164.5	154.9	161.5	254.8	233.2	163.1	182.2	
1977-78 -										
Apr.	166.6	227.5	174.7	165.5	200.7	268.6	251.5	171.1	192.9	
May	167.7	229.0	175.5	165.2	200.3	269.7	252.6	170.9	193.1	
June	168.1	231.7	176.0	168.7	196.1	268.7	253.7	171.5	193.9	
July	168.2	233.4	179.5	169.5	195.4	268.8	253.7	172.3	194.4	
Aug.	169.0	234.8	181.6	166.9	194.8	281.6	255.3	172.9	195.3	
Sept.	169.2	237.0	182.8	163.3	197.6	292.4	255.9	173.9	196.2	
Oct.	168.4	238.1	183.7	158.8	199.6	293.6	255.7	172.0	194.8	
Nov.	168.6	240.8	183.2	155.0	197.0	292.9	255.4	169.1	192.5	
Dec.	169.9	241.8	184.1	161.6	197.5	291.2	255.1	173.4	195.6	
Jan.	170.0	252.8	185.1	165.1	199.5	294.7	256.8	177.2	198.8	
Feb.	172.7	253.5	185.4	172.6	199.9	294.3	257.9	181.8	202.5	
Mar.	174.0	254.1	187.6	171.0	199.0	294.0	258.6	180.5	201.7	
Apr. p	173.6	255.5	188.2	176.3	198.9	296.1	259.3	184.1	204.6	
May p	172.7	257.9	189.1	176.8	200.6	297.5	260.0	185.2	205.5	

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australian manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (c). (c) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

## PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (6412.0) of 26 October 1976. Index numbers for special groupings are published in monthly issues of this bulletin.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)

Net sub-division indexes (c)													
Period	All Manufacturing Industry Index (b)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)				Glass, clay and other				Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances products (33)			
		Food, beverages and tobacco (21-22)	Clothing and footwear (23)	Wood, wood products and furniture (24)	Paper, paper products and printing (26)	Chemical, petroleum and coal products (27)	Non-metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Miscellaneous products (34)		
1974-75	158.1	153.0	142.4	161.3	190.0	168.5	142.4	158.3	151.9	183.2	151.2	158.9	143.7
1975-76	177.8	163.5	159.7	185.2	219.9	196.3	166.2	183.2	174.0	217.1	175.8	179.2	159.0
1976-77	196.9	180.0	178.6	208.1	246.8	212.8	182.4	202.5	200.6	244.9	195.0	199.4	176.0
1977-78 -													
Apr.	204.0	187.5	187.1	213.3	254.0	219.2	188.1	206.9	209.0	251.4	200.2	206.8	183.0
May	204.3	187.3	186.9	213.9	256.6	219.3	188.0	206.9	209.3	251.8	200.6	207.2	183.2
June	205.0	187.9	187.5	214.9	257.8	219.9	188.3	208.1	207.4	254.3	202.3	208.5	185.2
July	206.7	189.3	188.2	217.7	259.4	221.2	189.9	210.9	209.7	257.8	203.9	209.5	186.9
Aug.	207.6	189.4	191.6	219.4	260.1	222.3	190.7	212.6	210.2	261.0	205.3	210.1	187.8
Sept.	209.4	190.3	192.2	223.7	261.1	225.4	195.6	214.8	210.5	263.3	206.3	210.9	188.7
Oct.	210.9	191.8	192.6	224.0	261.6	228.4	200.1	215.8	211.5	264.4	208.0	211.4	189.1
Nov.	211.6	191.3	193.3	224.3	262.5	230.2	200.4	218.4	214.2	266.6	208.7	212.7	190.9
Dec.	212.4	192.0	193.1	224.3	262.7	231.1	200.6	218.8	215.3	268.3	210.6	214.5	191.6
Jan.	213.8	194.1	193.7	224.9	263.0	233.3	202.5	221.4	215.3	269.1	211.4	216.5	192.1
Feb.	215.6	197.1	193.7	227.3	263.6	236.5	203.3	222.6	214.4	270.0	213.8	217.4	193.3
Mar.	217.1	199.2	194.3	228.4	265.0	236.8	204.8	223.8	214.9	274.1	214.1	218.4	195.9
Apr. p	218.8	201.7	194.7	228.7	267.7	237.9	206.6	225.3	215.4	274.9	217.8	219.5	196.9
May p	220.0	204.0	195.7	229.3	270.1	238.6	206.4	226.1	216.4	276.3	218.9	220.2	197.2

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division. (c) These indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns.

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973*. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1977-78 p	254.1	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
1976-77 -							
May	241.2	230.6	251.3	260.0	238.5	241.2	240.3
June	244.3	231.9	253.3	260.4	241.9	244.1	242.6
1977-78 -							
July	247.2	233.4	257.7	262.7	245.3	248.3	245.2
Aug.	247.6	234.7	259.7	266.4	249.1	251.5	247.0
Sept.	249.7	234.9	260.5	267.0	249.5	252.7	248.0
Oct.	251.2	235.7	261.5	268.3	251.4	254.4	249.2
Nov.	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
Dec.	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0
Jan.	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
Feb.	255.7	240.4	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
Mar.	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
Apr.	259.8	242.6	270.3	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7
May p	260.9	243.1	271.3	276.9	257.9	262.2	257.6
June p	262.1	243.7	272.0	278.1	259.0	263.2	258.5

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed materials	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
	Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	5.13	5.64	7.96
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1977-78 p	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.8	230.4	252.0
1976-77 -												
May	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.0	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6
1977-78 -												
July	227.2	276.5	237.3	269.8	276.5	215.9	232.4	208.1	188.9	185.9	224.1	245.2
Aug.	231.4	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.3	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0
Sept.	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.5	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
Oct.	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	211.0	191.6	189.4	226.7	249.2
Nov.	237.9	282.4	244.3	272.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
Dec.	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.3	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0
Jan.	240.5	283.9	246.4	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
Feb.	242.5	285.8	247.5	276.1	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
Mar.	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
Apr.	244.4	291.5	251.5	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7
May p	245.7	291.8	251.9	280.7	293.3	224.9	243.1	221.4	197.4	195.6	236.1	257.6
June p	246.3	292.4	252.4	281.2	296.0	227.1	243.0	224.3	198.6	197.1	237.1	258.5

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973*. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS – SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1976-77	221.5	234.8	241.2	234.3	235.4	234.8	230.3
1977-78 p	239.9	254.4	260.9	254.2	258.3	253.7	249.7
1976-77 –							
May	228.7	242.4	247.9	241.1	244.1	241.9	237.6
June	230.0	243.8	249.3	242.2	245.0	243.4	238.9
1977-78 –							
July	232.4	246.7	253.1	245.3	248.7	245.7	241.9
Aug.	233.3	248.3	254.4	247.7	252.0	247.6	243.3
Sept.	234.7	249.2	256.2	249.2	253.4	249.6	244.7
Oct.	236.2	250.0	257.1	250.2	254.6	250.8	245.8
Nov.	237.3	252.7	259.3	252.3	256.9	252.6	247.7
Dec.	239.3	254.3	260.6	253.8	258.1	253.9	249.4
Jan.	240.7	255.7	262.1	255.2	259.3	254.7	250.7
Feb.	242.0	256.5	263.2	256.3	259.7	255.5	251.8
Mar.	243.2	257.7	264.1	257.8	261.4	256.4	252.9
Apr.	245.1	259.0	264.9	259.1	263.1	257.6	254.6
May p	245.9	260.1	266.6	260.9	265.1	259.3	255.7
June p	248.3	262.1	268.8	262.6	266.9	260.7	257.8

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS – WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc., products	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Alum- inium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (a)	Mechanical services components	All groups
	Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	3.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	219.3	223.4	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1976-77	215.6	244.7	224.0	243.6	251.7	213.7	195.0	251.2	204.2	199.6	225.4	230.3
1977-78 p	235.4	268.4	241.0	263.2	273.4	230.7	198.1	263.7	221.9	215.3	247.2	249.7
1976-77 –												
May	220.2	249.8	226.8	253.6	259.3	220.7	199.5	252.8	210.7	208.1	235.1	237.6
June	221.3	252.6	230.9	255.2	260.6	221.5	197.8	253.1	211.8	207.9	236.5	238.9
1977-78 –												
July	223.9	258.0	232.3	257.5	265.0	222.9	197.1	257.3	215.0	209.7	239.0	241.9
Aug.	227.4	260.5	234.5	258.5	267.2	223.3	194.8	258.8	216.3	209.0	239.5	243.3
Sept.	227.7	262.7	238.2	259.0	268.5	228.2	194.3	261.0	217.2	209.1	241.3	244.7
Oct.	232.3	263.2	239.2	259.9	268.4	230.2	195.9	261.7	218.3	210.5	242.2	245.8
Nov.	234.1	265.9	239.7	260.1	272.0	230.6	195.9	261.8	218.7	212.3	244.3	247.7
Dec.	234.6	266.7	239.9	261.5	274.1	231.5	196.6	265.0	222.0	215.3	245.8	249.4
Jan.	237.3	269.8	242.1	262.1	274.7	232.0	198.1	265.2	222.9	217.7	247.7	250.7
Feb.	239.6	271.4	243.1	264.6	275.6	232.0	197.8	265.8	224.4	216.8	248.6	251.8
Mar.	240.7	273.5	243.6	266.1	276.6	232.3	198.0	266.5	225.8	216.9	251.4	252.9
Apr.	241.4	276.9	245.6	268.7	277.3	232.5	200.8	266.9	226.7	219.8	254.2	254.6
May p	242.2	275.3	246.4	269.8	278.7	236.2	201.9	267.0	227.3	221.6	255.0	255.7
June p	243.0	276.8	247.2	271.0	282.2	237.1	206.1	267.0	227.9	225.0	256.6	257.8

(a) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	263	391	181
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1976-77	164	169	128	219	184	314	203	330	370	206
1976-77 -										
Mar.	174	183	135	209	188	317	214	346	434	213
Apr.	171	196	135	216	240	317	219	354	437	219
May	169	195	141	221	241	324	246	351	430	219
June	167	191	141	206	241	313	245	341	415	214
1977-78 -										
July	(c) 167	188	143	199	240	300	241	343	412	212
Aug.	162	187	144	192	242	293	236	342	422	210
Sept.	164	189	147	189	242	(d) 295	228	340	433	210
Oct.	169	195	147	186	241	(d) 287	223	340	460	211
Nov.	169	194	147	187	242	(d) 258	206	336	462	208
Dec.	167	199	147	191	244	(d) 248	201	345	457	209
Jan.	166	210	147	187	246	(d) 237	209	346	488	210
Feb.	170	224	148	192	241	(c)(d) 237	212	339	500	212
Mar.	170	r227	148	197	241	(d) 263	r225	339	515	214
Apr.	169	235	148	205	233	(d) 15	229	336	496	214

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal. (d) Incorporate contract prices which may be subject to revision. r = revised.

## CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (See Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Djakarta)	Italy	Japan	Netherlands
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.2	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1977	207.6	174.8	357.3	165.4	183.2	146.3	174.5	236.6	203.6	175.6	
1976 - Dec. qtr	196.3	167.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	213.1	194.5	169.6
1977 - Mar. qtr	200.7	170.9	312.7	159.9	175.6	144.6	168.3	311.7	225.2	198.9	170.8
June qtr	205.5	173.7	349.0	163.7	181.0	146.5	172.3	319.3	233.8	204.2	175.8
Sept. qtr	209.5	176.3	370.6	167.3	185.3	146.9	178.1	329.0	239.7	204.8	176.9
Dec. qtr	214.5	178.3	397.0	170.9	188.8	147.2	179.3	337.8	247.7	206.5	178.8
1978 - Mar. qtr	217.2	180.6		174.0	191.8	149.1			207.4	-179.0 -	
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (d)	Philippines (e)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America (Peninsular) (h)	Malaysia (Peninsular) (h)
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	166.9	128.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4	182.3	123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	145.9
1977	217.4	178.0	233.9		127.0	193.8	180.1	149.2	249.0	156.1	152.8
1976 - Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3	168.1	122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	147.6
1977 - Mar. qtr	204.3	172.1	230.9	192.6	125.4	185.8	171.2	148.5	238.2	152.1	150.9
June qtr	214.1	176.9	230.8	196.9	124.9	191.2	177.8	148.8	248.8	155.3	150.8
Sept. qtr	221.7	180.7	235.9	204.2	128.4	197.0	183.8	149.5	252.7	157.6	153.7
Dec. qtr	229.6	182.3	238.2		129.3	201.1	187.7	-149.9 -	255.7	159.3	155.9
1978 - Mar. qtr	187.6	244.5		131.8		194.5	150.2	260.8	161.9		

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Prior to 1972: Karachi only; industrial workers. Beginning 1972; base: 1971 = 100.0. (e) Base: 1972 = 100.0. Prior to 1976: Manila only. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population. (h) Formerly known as West Malaysia.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

End of -	N.S.W. \$	Vic. \$	Qld \$	S.A. \$	W.A. \$	Tas. \$	Australia							
							Rates \$	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)						
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (a)														
Adult Males														
June -														
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2						
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3						
1976	130.51	128.59	133.61	126.77	125.89	128.75	129.68	459.2						
1976-77 -														
Mar.	142.07	139.82	144.89	137.96	138.04	139.88	141.10	499.6						
Apr.	142.14	139.85	144.91	137.96	139.72	139.93	141.26	500.2						
May	144.97	142.47	147.63	140.55	141.99	142.50	143.95	509.7						
June	144.96	142.47	147.63	140.64	141.99	142.50	143.95	509.7						
1977-78 -														
July	144.97	142.47	147.63	140.67	142.02	142.50	143.96	509.7						
Aug.	147.77	145.30	150.53	143.42	144.05	145.35	146.73	519.5						
Sept.	147.74	145.30	150.53	143.41	145.62	145.35	146.83	519.9						
Oct.	147.74	145.32	150.54	143.42	145.66	145.35	146.84	519.9						
Nov.	147.74	145.33	150.54	143.42	145.66	145.35	146.84	519.9						
Dec.	149.91	147.45	152.76	145.55	147.73	147.46	148.98	527.5						
Jan.	149.92	147.55	152.76	145.55	147.84	147.46	149.00	527.6						
Feb.	152.19	149.61	155.02	147.72	149.73	149.62	151.20	535.4						
Mar.	152.20	149.61	155.06	147.72	149.73	149.62	151.20	535.4						
Apr.	152.14	149.61	155.06	147.70	149.76	149.62	151.18	535.3						
Adult Females														
June -														
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1						
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5						
1976	120.48	120.70	122.04	120.28	115.34	116.94	120.36	604.6						
1976-77 -														
Mar.	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.29	127.85	131.61	661.1						
Apr.	131.52	131.77	133.41	131.68	129.66	127.85	131.64	661.2						
May	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.17	131.85	130.28	134.11	673.7						
June	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	131.85	130.28	134.12	673.7						
1977-78 -														
July	134.01	134.26	135.94	134.20	132.13	130.28	134.13	673.8						
Aug.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.46	132.90	136.79	687.1						
Sept.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.46	132.90	136.79	687.1						
Oct.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.75	132.90	136.80	687.2						
Nov.	136.68	136.92	138.66	136.87	134.75	132.90	136.80	687.2						
Dec.	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	136.54	134.91	138.83	697.4						
Jan.	138.72	138.97	140.73	138.91	137.19	134.91	138.87	697.5						
Feb.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	138.98	136.93	140.92	707.8						
Mar.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	138.98	136.93	140.92	707.8						
Apr.	140.78	141.04	142.84	140.98	139.25	136.93	140.93	707.9						
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) APRIL 1978														
Adult males	39.71	39.90	39.82	39.90	39.78	39.87	39.80	99.61						
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00						

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE. For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates* (6312.0).

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

*Original Series.* Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and overaward wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and includes payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

*Seasonally adjusted series.* Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aust.
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	152.10	147.80	142.50	138.60	145.60	140.20	168.50	184.30	148.30
1975-76	172.70	170.50	163.50	158.50	169.10	157.80	190.00	209.00	169.60
1976-77	193.60	191.10	184.50	179.50	190.80	181.20	216.70	237.70	190.70
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	187.30	183.00	182.00	175.00	184.00	175.60	209.30	230.00	184.80
Dec. qtr	197.90	197.40	189.80	182.80	194.50	188.70	220.20	243.90	195.50
Mar. qtr	187.30	183.50	174.00	172.80	186.50	175.10	212.40	231.00	183.80
June qtr	201.80	200.40	192.30	187.40	198.20	185.50	224.70	245.80	198.70
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	207.30	202.50	195.60	195.90	206.10	195.90	227.00	251.10	204.10
Dec. qtr	217.10	211.90	206.80	199.40	211.10	204.80	247.00	263.10	212.50
Mar. qtr	209.80	203.80	195.30	190.20	209.00	194.00	238.30	255.10	205.10
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	187.30	183.60	182.10	173.70	183.00	176.40	210.60	232.70	184.80
Dec. qtr	190.90	188.30	180.10	177.10	189.40	178.50	213.00	238.10	187.70
Mar. qtr	192.70	191.30	184.70	177.90	192.90	183.70	216.60	240.30	191.70
June qtr	203.00	200.80	190.00	190.40	197.10	186.60	225.80	244.20	198.30
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	208.50	204.10	196.30	194.30	205.80	195.20	230.60	250.90	204.40
Dec. qtr	210.00	201.90	198.10	193.50	206.40	195.90	237.90	258.70	205.00
Mar. qtr	215.60	212.40	205.30	195.20	215.70	201.90	243.40	259.30	213.00

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 67 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter.

## BUILDING, ETC.

## SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	New dwellings							
	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)			Number ('000)		Number ('000)		
Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)		Original	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Value (\$m)
1974-75	101.5	..	1,891.4	19.8	354.8	121.3	..	2,246.2
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1976-77	127.3	..	3,227.8	14.1	313.1	141.4	..	3,540.9
1976-77 -								
Apr.	9.2	10.1	243.8	0.7	15.5	9.9	11.0	259.3
May	10.4	9.6	273.5	1.1	29.2	11.6	10.5	302.6
June	10.4	9.4	279.9	1.4	34.8	11.8	10.4	314.8
1977-78 -								
July	9.9	9.8	265.6	0.9	21.5	10.7	10.8	287.1
Aug.	10.5	9.8	279.4	0.9	19.6	11.4	10.9	299.0
Sept.	9.9	9.3	268.1	0.8	19.1	10.7	10.3	287.2
Oct.	9.7	9.7	265.6	1.3	34.3	11.0	10.9	299.9
Nov.	9.8	9.3	270.2	1.6	36.4	11.4	10.6	306.6
Dec.	8.5	9.4	233.7	1.4	32.7	9.9	10.8	266.4
Jan.	7.3	9.2	200.4	0.5	12.2	7.8	10.2	212.7
Feb.	8.0	9.0	219.3	0.8	18.3	8.7	9.8	237.6
Mar.	9.2	9.2	249.6	0.9	21.1	10.1	10.2	270.7
Apr.	8.8	8.8	244.3	1.3	29.6	10.0	10.1	273.9
May	9.7	8.7	271.9	1.3	31.8	11.1	9.6	303.7
	Other building (a)							
	Alterations and additions to dwellings (b)	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Total building approved		
Period		Private	Total	Total		Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	Value (\$ million)							
1974-75	100.8	829.8	1,786.3	..		4,133.3	..	
1975-76	211.1	945.7	1,931.7	..		5,399.6	..	
1976-77	250.6	1,147.9	2,210.5	..		6,002.0	..	
1976-77 -								
Apr.	19.5	100.4	193.7	201.9		472.5	513.7	
May	22.8	107.2	238.1	194.7		563.5	497.6	
June	23.8	109.3	194.4	163.0		533.0	455.4	
1977-78 -								
July	23.0	107.7	192.0	186.4		502.1	486.3	
Aug.	26.3	110.1	200.9	225.6		526.1	532.2	
Sept.	25.3	100.9	197.3	204.0		509.8	497.4	
Oct.	27.7	139.7	214.7	210.1		542.3	528.7	
Nov.	25.4	130.2	222.2	220.9		554.2	529.4	
Dec.	21.5	108.9	204.6	210.1		492.6	535.4	
Jan.	20.3	84.2	174.2	215.4		407.2	512.2	
Feb.	20.7	107.2	176.6	209.0		434.9	495.0	
Mar.	24.0	116.8	205.6	217.9		500.2	536.5	
Apr.	25.1	119.6	219.9	212.6		518.9	520.6	
May	26.9	149.9	234.5	190.1		565.1	479.3	

(a) Comprises other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over. (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE. Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000-\$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in May 1978 was \$28.7m.

## BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED ('000)									
1974-75	38.13	30.61	18.11	12.68	12.80	3.32	1.52	4.15	121.32
1975-76	32.13	39.40	24.61	16.82	21.39	4.44	2.79	4.54	146.11
1976-77	36.80	36.63	25.67	14.39	19.06	4.40	1.58	2.84	141.37
1977-78 -									
Apr.	2.60	2.41	1.92	0.97	1.46	0.34	0.11	0.08	9.89
May	3.00	2.97	2.25	0.94	1.70	0.38	0.20	0.15	11.59
June	3.16	2.64	2.24	1.38	1.64	0.38	0.08	0.32	11.85
1977-78 -									
July	3.00	2.51	2.11	0.83	1.60	0.34	0.16	0.16	10.73
Aug.	3.54	2.50	2.19	0.95	1.59	0.37	0.04	0.18	11.36
Sept.	2.76	2.48	2.43	0.94	1.26	0.33	0.22	0.24	10.67
Oct.	3.25	2.45	2.23	0.96	1.40	0.31	0.26	0.19	11.04
Nov.	3.73	2.38	2.23	0.84	1.53	0.33	0.07	0.25	11.37
Dec.	3.07	2.26	2.07	0.73	1.26	0.32	0.06	0.14	9.90
Jan.	2.88	1.56	1.55	0.64	0.78	0.15	0.05	0.16	7.76
Feb.	2.59	2.22	1.76	0.56	1.22	0.28	0.02	0.10	8.74
Mar.	2.84	2.48	2.32	0.76	1.19	0.31	0.07	0.11	10.06
Apr.	3.20	2.48	1.70	0.84	1.30	0.29	0.08	0.14	10.03
May	3.27	2.94	2.08	0.78	1.33	0.30	0.12	0.25	11.07
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1976-77	890.1	962.0	613.0	356.0	469.0	110.5	52.3	87.8	3,540.9
1976-77 -									
Apr.	68.1	65.6	46.4	25.1	39.2	8.3	3.8	2.8	259.3
May	74.8	80.3	59.0	24.5	43.1	9.5	6.6	4.7	302.6
June	81.9	75.1	56.6	35.3	43.4	10.1	3.1	9.3	314.8
1977-78 -									
July	78.2	72.5	51.7	21.8	41.4	9.1	6.5	5.8	287.1
Aug.	90.7	71.5	54.7	25.4	40.4	9.0	1.4	6.0	299.0
Sept.	72.2	72.5	60.4	25.5	33.4	8.8	7.5	6.9	287.2
Oct.	91.3	70.0	54.0	25.3	37.6	7.7	8.1	5.7	299.9
Nov.	98.3	71.6	54.3	23.1	40.8	8.6	2.4	7.3	306.6
Dec.	83.6	65.8	50.7	20.0	32.1	8.3	1.9	4.0	266.4
Jan.	77.2	46.6	38.8	17.4	21.6	4.4	1.9	4.7	212.7
Feb.	69.6	63.2	43.5	15.9	34.3	6.7	0.9	3.5	237.6
Mar.	78.2	68.4	57.8	20.3	32.7	7.8	2.1	3.3	270.7
Apr.	87.4	72.0	42.5	22.7	34.7	7.6	2.8	4.2	273.9
May	90.4	83.4	53.4	21.1	35.4	8.3	4.0	7.6	303.7
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)									
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1976-77	94.0	77.6	16.5	18.1	16.2	3.9	15.4	8.8	250.6
1976-77 -									
Apr.	7.3	6.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	19.5
May	8.3	7.4	1.9	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	22.8
June	9.0	6.8	1.5	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.8	23.8
1977-78 -									
July	9.6	7.2	1.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	23.0
Aug.	10.5	8.1	1.7	1.5	2.0	0.4	1.1	1.0	26.3
Sept.	8.6	7.6	1.6	1.9	2.1	0.4	2.4	0.7	25.3
Oct.	10.7	7.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.5	2.7	0.7	27.7
Nov.	9.3	8.6	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	23.4
Dec.	8.4	6.8	1.3	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.1	0.4	21.5
Jan.	9.0	5.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.6	20.3
Feb.	8.5	6.2	0.9	1.4	2.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	20.7
Mar.	9.6	7.1	1.3	2.0	2.1	0.4	1.0	0.5	24.0
Apr.	10.3	7.9	1.6	1.6	2.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	25.1
May	10.9	8.3	1.9	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.9	26.9

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

## BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	486.5	470.5	268.3	150.2	170.4	49.2	26.3	164.8	1,786.3
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	154.9	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,931.7
1976-77	618.4	536.2	324.3	284.8	214.7	86.1	59.5	86.5	2,210.5
1976-77 -									
Apr.	45.4	56.1	26.1	36.6	14.2	6.7	3.5	5.0	193.7
May	44.5	65.1	25.8	66.8	19.4	7.1	6.8	2.5	238.1
June	50.3	43.3	42.5	13.2	21.4	7.1	12.5	4.0	194.4
1977-78 -									
July	52.4	64.8	27.4	16.3	22.4	4.2	3.6	1.0	192.0
Aug.	44.9	58.3	33.5	21.4	15.7	5.6	9.3	12.3	200.9
Sept.	41.8	48.7	55.0	12.4	16.5	4.8	5.7	12.4	197.3
Oct.	57.0	67.8	24.5	23.9	19.7	8.7	2.6	10.6	214.7
Nov.	49.7	46.7	31.6	20.7	38.3	6.8	14.5	14.0	222.2
Dec.	77.3	47.0	23.0	10.4	23.5	9.8	6.2	7.4	204.6
Jan.	51.1	48.5	21.8	26.5	17.0	3.7	1.4	4.2	174.2
Feb.	52.9	54.3	28.1	8.4	24.0	6.5	1.1	1.3	176.6
Mar.	53.2	57.6	49.5	12.5	16.4	5.8	3.7	6.8	205.6
Apr.	47.7	76.9	41.9	19.5	19.5	10.3	1.4	2.7	219.9
May	60.7	42.9	59.3	17.0	34.2	11.1	5.0	4.3	234.5

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	889.0	527.3	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,399.6
1976-77	1,602.5	1,575.8	953.9	659.0	700.0	200.6	127.2	183.1	6,002.0

1976-77 -									
Apr.	120.7	128.2	73.5	63.0	54.9	15.5	8.1	8.5	472.5
May	127.7	152.8	86.7	92.8	64.3	17.0	14.4	7.8	563.5
June	141.2	125.2	100.6	50.7	66.6	17.6	17.1	14.0	533.0
1977-78 -									
July	140.2	144.5	80.4	39.5	65.9	13.5	10.6	7.5	502.1
Aug.	146.1	137.8	89.9	48.3	58.1	15.0	11.8	19.2	526.2
Sept.	122.6	128.8	117.0	39.9	52.0	14.0	15.6	20.0	509.8
Oct.	158.9	145.6	80.3	50.9	59.3	16.9	13.4	17.0	542.3
Nov.	157.2	126.9	87.4	45.6	81.4	13.9	17.7	22.0	554.2
Dec.	169.3	119.6	75.0	32.1	57.1	18.5	9.2	11.8	492.6
Jan.	137.4	100.5	61.6	45.3	40.5	8.5	3.9	9.5	407.2
Feb.	131.0	123.8	72.5	25.7	60.8	13.5	2.5	5.2	434.9
Mar.	141.0	133.2	108.6	34.8	51.1	14.0	6.8	10.7	500.2
Apr.	145.4	156.8	86.0	43.8	56.3	18.3	4.7	7.5	518.9
May	162.1	134.7	114.5	39.8	71.9	20.0	9.3	12.7	565.1

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				New dwellings	Value (\$ million)			
	Other dwellings		Private	Total		Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
	Houses	Private	Total				Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	1,227.3	101.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,230.2
1976-77	108.8	32.9	126.4	141.7	3,665.0	266.4	1,224.0	2,253.3	6,184.6
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
Mar. qtr	26.8	7.7	30.4	34.5	898.1	65.8	267.7	532.2	1,496.1
June qtr	26.1	7.8	30.1	33.9	906.0	70.5	377.5	632.4	1,608.9
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	25.8	7.3	29.8	33.1	919.4	72.8	343.6	603.8	1,596.0
Dec. qtr	21.9	5.7	24.6	27.6	777.3	73.0	377.5	632.7	1,483.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	27.9	8.8	33.1	36.8	918.4	294.7	576.4	1,578.8	
Dec. qtr	28.9	9.1	33.6	37.7	973.1	284.0	369.6	1,595.3	
Mar. qtr	27.3	7.7	31.0	35.0	912.8	267.7	522.5	1,488.4	
June qtr	24.9	7.4	28.9	32.5	866.7	n.a.	377.5	585.0	1,526.2
1977-78 -									
Sept. qtr	14.9	6.9	28.7	31.7	876.2		343.6	598.8	1,565.9
Dec. qtr	23.5	6.3	26.2	29.7	843.5		377.5	713.5	1,612.2

(a) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building	
	ORIGINAL							
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6
1976-77	110.4	34.4	129.6	144.8	3,635.1	252.5	1,336.4	2,446.5
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0
Mar. qtr	24.5	7.6	29.2	32.1	824.8	57.3	335.3	586.1
June qtr	27.2	9.1	32.1	36.4	950.9	69.2	348.1	674.5
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	26.9	7.5	30.3	34.4	927.4	69.4	355.5	641.2
Dec. qtr	26.8	8.4	30.8	35.2	982.7	75.2	385.1	677.3

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		
	ORIGINAL							
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.8	33.1	37.3	878.0	332.4	602.3	1,539.4
Dec. qtr	27.6	8.2	32.4	35.8	893.1	285.0	544.8	1,489.9
Mar. qtr	27.4	8.5	32.1	36.0	924.0	383.5	598.1	1,581.0
June qtr	26.9	8.8	31.9	35.7	941.8	n.a.	348.8	713.4
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	26.8	7.6	30.4	34.4	923.9	365.4	660.3	1,650.5
Dec. qtr	24.6	7.7	28.3	32.2	897.4	333.1	614.3	1,573.4

## VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA

\$ million

Period	New dwellings				Other building			
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Private	Total	Total building	
	ORIGINAL							
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.1	
1975-76	2,480.3	563.1	3,043.4	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,582.6	
1976-77	3,040.8	676.4	3,717.2	263.3	1,343.9	2,464.9	6,445.5	
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5	
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2	
Mar. qtr	718.1	153.7	871.9	62.1	312.9	564.4	1,498.3	
June qtr	772.7	175.3	948.0	69.7	359.9	657.8	1,675.5	
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	788.2	168.3	956.5	72.1	375.0	668.3	1,696.8	
Dec. qtr	731.0	153.5	884.6	76.0	366.8	675.0	1,635.5	
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	744.3	165.8	911.8		316.3	588.0	1,562.4	
Dec. qtr	767.8	170.0	937.8		333.4	612.1	1,615.5	
Mar. qtr	770.5	164.4	933.9		340.7	609.1	1,607.9	
June qtr	759.4	175.9	934.3	n.a.	354.6	656.9	1,660.4	
1977-78 -								
Sept. qtr	755.7	160.6	918.2		353.4	632.8	1,622.0	
Dec. qtr	725.3	149.9	875.0		364.8	664.3	1,613.4	

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

## NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, DECEMBER QUARTER 1977

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ('000)										
N.S.W.	6.99	8.01	8.33	9.08	13.93	17.30				
Vic.	6.45	6.95	8.26	9.18	18.62	19.84				
Qld	5.12	5.38	5.67	6.12	6.18	6.80				
S.A.	1.69	2.08	2.73	3.52	3.68	5.28				
W.A.	2.95	3.38	4.06	4.62	6.11	6.62				
Tas.	0.66	0.85	0.90	1.15	1.97	2.41				
N.T.	0.18	0.38	0.18	0.45	0.55	0.94				
A.C.T.	0.35	0.56	0.65	1.05	1.08	1.39				
Aust.	24.58	27.58	30.77	35.19	52.11	60.59				
VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	173.8	181.2	188.9	197.0	290.3	308.3	182.6	189.3	151.4	161.3
Vic.	175.6	183.9	213.8	229.2	464.4	485.7	200.5	205.3	230.8	238.7
Qld	110.7	115.9	125.6	135.6	123.6	137.2	119.3	127.0	61.9	66.6
S.A.	46.1	51.9	67.7	75.4	91.1	117.5	55.4	66.0	46.6	56.8
W.A.	67.2	73.2	94.1	103.7	128.2	136.3	83.2	90.7	64.5	68.8
Tas.	16.5	18.5	20.9	24.6	39.6	43.7	18.3	21.1	20.2	22.1
N.T.	6.5	12.6	5.8	12.0	17.9	30.0	6.3	10.8	8.6	15.7
A.C.T.	13.2	13.4	16.9	22.2	28.7	31.2	14.6	16.5	15.0	15.8
Aust.	609.7	650.6	733.7	799.8	1,183.7	1,289.9	680.1	731.0	599.0	645.8
VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	195.9	221.4	230.5	245.7	388.8	463.2	216.0	233.7	205.4	247.7
Vic.	200.2	212.3	254.7	273.2	562.2	589.2	232.4	244.5	279.4	289.5
Qld	131.3	137.6	149.1	159.9	171.6	186.8	143.6	151.8	85.3	91.0
S.A.	50.5	60.0	80.2	98.0	115.3	153.1	65.0	80.7	58.7	73.8
W.A.	83.4	92.7	115.7	128.7	177.5	189.2	103.8	114.0	87.7	94.0
Tas.	18.9	22.4	25.5	30.3	53.4	62.6	22.8	27.0	26.8	31.2
N.T.	7.3	13.4	6.8	15.0	21.0	34.0	7.1	12.3	10.4	18.1
A.C.T.	17.2	17.4	21.4	31.8	37.5	45.5	17.8	20.6	19.9	24.9
Aust.	704.8	777.3	883.9	982.7	1,527.3	1,723.6	808.6	884.6	773.7	870.2
VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	27.1	27.2	27.5	27.5	32.8	32.8	28.3	28.3	15.1	15.1
Vic.	23.0	23.2	24.4	24.5	38.5	38.5	24.7	24.8	18.3	18.3
Qld	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.2	1.4	1.4	4.1	4.1	0.6	0.6
S.A.	4.0	4.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.8	2.3	2.3
W.A.	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.4	2.7	2.8
Tas.	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7
N.T.	5.0	6.5	3.7	5.5	11.6	13.1	4.4	5.8	5.7	6.3
A.C.T.	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.6	1.3	1.3
Aust.	71.1	73.0	73.1	75.2	98.8	100.6	74.3	76.0	46.6	47.5
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	100.0	144.8	118.9	175.4	413.1	932.8	101.0	174.6	161.5	423.1
Vic.	125.2	184.1	86.9	154.3	445.1	823.0	114.0	179.6	189.5	390.6
Qld	41.6	93.9	95.6	164.2	119.5	392.6	62.0	112.7	42.7	169.3
S.A.	29.3	54.9	30.0	58.9	78.3	197.4	29.5	57.2	44.1	99.2
W.A.	49.6	81.2	29.3	58.5	106.5	269.5	33.8	64.9	62.1	141.4
Tas.	11.5	20.0	7.1	17.8	22.1	84.4	10.0	23.8	10.8	45.9
N.T.	11.6	26.8	5.7	28.5	22.1	110.0	5.4	23.6	12.4	52.6
A.C.T.	8.8	27.1	11.6	19.8	47.8	272.8	11.0	38.6	15.9	127.0
Aust.	377.5	632.7	385.1	677.3	1,254.5	3,081.5	366.8	675.0	539.1	1,449.0
TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)										
N.S.W.	323.0	393.4	376.9	448.6	834.7	1,428.8	345.2	436.7	382.0	685.9
Vic.	348.5	419.6	365.9	451.9	1,045.8	1,450.7	371.1	448.9	487.3	698.4
Qld	176.7	235.5	248.8	328.3	292.5	580.7	209.8	268.7	128.6	260.8
S.A.	83.9	119.0	115.2	162.0	198.6	355.6	99.3	142.8	105.2	175.3
W.A.	137.3	178.3	150.0	192.1	289.0	463.9	141.9	183.2	152.5	238.2
Tas.	31.7	43.7	33.5	49.1	77.1	148.6	34.0	51.9	38.3	77.8
N.T.	23.8	46.7	16.2	49.0	54.6	157.1	16.9	41.7	28.4	77.0
A.C.T.	28.4	46.9	35.6	54.2	88.3	321.3	31.4	61.7	37.1	153.2
Aust.	1,153.4	1,483.0	1,342.0	1,735.1	2,880.6	4,906.6	1,249.7	1,635.5	1,359.4	2,366.7

## NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Subdivision											
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing									Total
		Food, beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing and footwear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals, petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Transport equipment	Fabricated metal products (a)	Other (b)		
1976-77 -	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	(21-34)	
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0	
Mar.	108.5	86.6	8.2	30.4	51.7	55.6	35.1	52.4	66.5	386.5	
June	140.5	123.5	11.6	35.7	63.6	63.6	54.1	66.0	77.9	496.0	
1977-78 -	Sept.	154.2	113.6	12.4	30.0	81.7	58.2	48.3	59.0	483.3	
Dec.	230.4	123.3	13.0	38.4	84.1	72.9	56.6	70.4	82.7	541.4	
Mar.	174.8	121.0	9.2	28.5	70.2	53.2	55.0	73.6	86.0	496.7	

  

ASIC Subdivision										
Quarter	Non-manufacturing				Total new capital expenditure (d)			Type of asset		
	Electricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport	All other (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	New buildings and structures (f)	Other new capital equipment (f)	Seasonally adjusted
1976-77 -	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(36,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46-63, 91-93)					
Dec.	10.7	257.9	110.0	620.6	1,594.1	1,472.4	467.4	420.8	1,126.7	1,051.9
Mar.	4.7	208.7	63.7	309.4	1,281.5	1,491.2	359.9	432.5	921.6	1,047.4
June	6.5	277.9	80.6	610.4	1,611.9	1,521.4	484.1	465.2	1,127.8	1,064.9
1977-78 -	Sept.	6.2	273.5	62.2	619.6	1,599.0	1,601.0	504.1	496.0	1,094.9
Dec.	6.6	276.2	102.4	649.0	1,806.0	1,668.7	558.5	502.2	1,247.5	1,165.2
Mar.	3.9	198.9	75.6	578.8	1,528.7	1,779.1	430.9	518.0	1,097.8	1,248.7

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products and other manufacturing, n.e.s.  
(c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Excludes enterprises coded to rural activity, community services and construction. (e) Includes houses, flats and home personal, water and sewerage installations, lifts, heating, ventilating and similar equipment forming an integral part of buildings and structures, land and construction site development, roads, bridges, wharves, harbours, railway lines, pipelines, power and telephone lines. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and surveying sites for open-cut extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes plant, machinery, vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.: also includes goods imported from overseas whether previously used outside Australia or not.

## INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC subdivisions						Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
Quarter	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
1976-77 -	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)		
Dec.	+22	+125	+265	+114	+526	r+370	r+156
Mar.	+26	+415	+189	+140	+770	r+586	r+184
June	+8	+332	+159	+203	+702	r+326	r+376
1977-78	Sept.	+59	+243	+71	+230	+603	+390
Dec.	+46	r-109	+192	+12	r+141	+320	r-179
Mar.	+1	+146	+103	+34	+284	+288	-4

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. r - revised.

## PRODUCTION

## MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,439	395,633	481,610	9,442	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,422	948,792	362,769	384,823
1976-77	210,426	416,971	475,557	10,015	82,088	23,469	95,602	15,305	1,048,217	380,584	420,186
1976-77 -											
Mar.	18,002	8,321	46,896	894				1,450	99,307	35,145	37,482
Apr.	17,958	32,367	35,418	732				1,042	73,750	26,300	30,358
May	18,885	9,177	41,502	788	21,427	6,729	21,778	1,224	79,956	27,329	33,233
June	18,815	41,212	43,041	798				1,957	80,676	35,442	38,873
1977-78 -											
July	19,489	39,097	44,521	822				2,345	96,397	26,218	36,880
Aug.	21,204	42,726	51,238	813	24,246	6,451	26,462	1,773	99,921	25,770	39,393
Sept.	16,739	38,619	44,207	751				1,750	97,704	24,415	31,588
Oct.	17,651	37,778	41,841	1,041				1,672	95,255	25,535	35,493
Nov.	18,970	41,033	46,560	1,031	21,366	6,649	24,285	1,856	95,806	28,051	32,998
Dec.	17,397	28,804	30,071	976				2,047	81,303	21,549	27,497
Jan.	16,429	21,294	24,136	1,008				1,674	74,232	14,339	16,755
Feb.	15,413	31,710	42,299	915				2,047	85,145	18,516	24,022
Mar.	18,047	33,656	37,980	1,025				2,109		28,512	
Apr.	18,329	28,772	32,515	1,010							

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month of March 1977 for Western Australia and July 1977 for the Northern Territory.

## PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals											
	Black coal											
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminum (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Gold (b)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	4,633	5,073	22,816	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973	10,744
1975-76	69,466	..	29,212	23,891	5,388	5,619	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386	12,829
1976-77	75,678	..	31,028	24,555	6,365	6,474	236,943	157,452	163,582	258,564	5,373	11,127
1976-77 -												
Mar.	7,149	6,621	2,562	2,167	514	557	20,154	15,286	13,888	19,390	570	629
Apr.	5,497	6,547	2,671	1,834	521	531	19,769	12,145	8,652	22,100	394	1,081
May	7,206	6,354	2,716	2,214	601	529	20,201	13,671	1,820	20,628	358	864
June	7,517	6,772	3,015	2,146	651	492	19,760	16,233	16,539	22,227	477	1,346
1977-78 -												
July	6,954	6,556	2,885	2,165	711	602	21,023	11,272	18,550	22,021	422	1,591
Aug.	6,530	6,951	2,752	2,196	651	580	22,112	13,859	17,892	21,307	378	1,415
Sept.	6,901	6,679	2,162	2,006	622	572	21,311	13,609	20,151	21,954	694	1,859
Oct.	7,085	6,548	1,503	2,207	543	604	21,924	10,542	17,368	21,633	524	1,500
Nov.	7,532	6,546	2,312	1,986	538	532	21,354	13,562	18,265	19,537	524	1,709
Dec.	5,329	6,367	2,681	2,071	502	584	22,121	10,990	19,581	19,682	666	1,474
Jan.	4,721	7,062	2,265	2,218	478	575	22,206	11,767	18,084	21,613	336	1,380
Feb.	6,704	6,541	2,307	1,985	488	492	20,041	12,941	14,129	18,781	469	1,451
Mar.	6,101	7,000	2,944	2,231	541	542	21,961	14,011	14,862	21,955	496	1,727
Apr.	6,596	6,561	2,014	556					15,336	21,963	460	1,381

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export.

## PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel			
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1974-75p	182,825	**	73,933	**	7,398	**	9,614	8,063
1975-76p	203,623	**	76,597	**	7,519	**	9,980	7,937
1976-77p	231,882	**	82,522	**	6,958	**	9,761	7,473
1976-77p -								
Apr.	18,471	19,638	6,470	6,950	574	592	878	637
May	21,398	20,049	7,312	6,989	601	589	940	651
June	23,854	20,454	7,763	7,039	541	577	659	637
1977-78p -								
July	25,529	21,430	8,161	7,210	508	499	709	588
Aug.	25,002	21,122	7,777	6,909	613	586	834	619
Sept.	22,318	20,595	7,301	7,038	546	546	984	617
Oct.	19,194	18,683	6,665	6,668	564	553	952	604
Nov.	19,297	20,542	6,692	7,085	549	565	869	602
Dec.	17,959	21,046	6,715	7,232	546	530	733	574
Jan.	16,806	21,233	6,544	7,288	592	567	611	669
Feb.	17,816	21,425	6,420	7,271	597	644	607	603
Mar.	19,941	21,700	7,098	7,462	673	662	898	675
Apr.	20,603	21,957	6,866	7,312	613	638	741	573
May	23,417	21,802	7,676	7,245	651	636	613	706
	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials			
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Sawn Austr. grown timber (d)
Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	million	million	'000 cu. metres	
1974-75p	6,215	**	311,023	**	1,698	**	200,080	3,431
1975-76p	5,566	**	282,241	**	1,834	**	218,645	3,462
1976-77p	6,028	**	340,556	**	2,042	**	229,892	3,468
1976-77p -								
Apr.	569	605	29,272	29,000	163	171	16,344	306
May	597	596	29,850	29,257	175	163	19,987	312
June	573	581	29,496	30,046	175	167	19,891	313
1977-78p -								
July	535	538	29,473	29,140	171	164	19,466	317
Aug.	549	546	29,591	28,777	181	160	20,075	290
Sept.	582	550	28,062	28,935	165	154	18,978	336
Oct.	587	554	31,625	29,958	159	154	15,687	327
Nov.	483	475	27,974	27,526	171	157	20,781	287
Dec.	425	513	31,251	31,244	140	157	14,588	266
Jan.	583	575	26,922	26,626	101	160	7,394	202
Feb.	522	566	28,341	31,977	156	160	16,462	306
Mar.	550	586	26,773	27,201	164	165	17,345	283
Apr.	475	495	20,173	19,637	151	154	16,392	302
May	547	547	26,666	26,479				

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,  
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Household appliances											
<i>Building materials - continued</i>											
Period	Portland cement			Building fittings				Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	'000 tonnes	Plaster sheets (non- acoustic)	Plaster of parts	Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthen- ware	Sinks- stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
1974-75p	5,086	..	41,911	336	174,565	273,883	205,533	31,468	..	737,580	616,358
1975-76p	5,007	..	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	..	520,574	533,323
1976-77p	5,039	..	50,503	387	178,694	297,278	259,683	35,004	..	599,117	499,210
1976-77p -											
Apr.	434	434	3,427		13,594	28,784	17,373	2,687	2,947	57,705	23,593
May	421	394	4,545	96.8	17,519	28,835	22,280	2,840	2,613	80,674	29,649
June	429	428	4,790		16,251	25,582	19,290	2,830	2,873	70,970	31,316
1977-78p -											
July	461	424	4,096		16,168	24,927	21,225	2,808	2,745	37,568	14,973
Aug.	430	421	4,960	100.5	16,621	27,093	22,098	3,419	3,110	31,171	36,624
Sept.	430	409	4,249		14,124	24,697	20,544	3,246	2,804	38,292	41,749
Oct.	432	411	3,328		11,221	16,039	16,698	2,074	1,916	56,275	23,246
Nov.	472	441	5,666		11,621	18,997	19,287	3,254	2,807	75,745	51,115
Dec.	413	422	3,544	88.1	13,323	16,863	13,396	2,524	2,821	50,233	35,555
Jan.	278	412	1,413		3,721	5,480	6,933	977	2,255	16,547	18,842
Feb.	421	442	4,411	79.5	14,549	17,821	18,790	2,816	2,822	75,780	27,343
Mar.	423	424	4,212		14,924	18,509	17,958	3,000	2,805	84,074	24,057
Apr.	421	410	3,836		14,702	14,947	20,236	2,688	2,760	75,197	15,512
May					15,022	22,764	21,080	2,961	2,610		
<i>Household appliances - continued</i>											
Period	Domestic cooking stoves				Domestic refrigerators			Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles	No.
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.
1974-75p	4,751	106,301	307,626	222,016	..	314,816	..	543,890			
1975-76p	4,184	109,608	335,570	244,490	..	354,779	..	655,371			
1976-77p	3,801	109,197	306,861	267,771	..	298,689	..	610,633			
1976-77p -											
Apr.	246	10,100	19,196	15,479	19,956	16,908	22,594	42,707			
May	351	10,394	23,825	21,599	23,604	26,632	24,038	46,415			
June	426	9,556	24,750	23,200	24,067	26,327	25,188	46,264			
1977-78p -											
July	328	8,890	25,660	22,905	23,272	25,532	23,878	41,876			
Aug.	330	10,676	27,990	26,800	23,087	27,437	23,537	56,254			
Sept.	311	9,673	26,658	29,590	24,326	25,810	22,230	54,847			
Oct.	178	4,439	21,865	24,607	22,092	24,944	22,426	54,630			
Nov.	321	10,259	29,725	27,204	22,181	26,209	21,757	65,123			
Dec.	240	6,614	21,805	18,258	19,582	17,521	21,353	50,007			
Jan.	(a)	2,514	10,883	12,565	20,628	10,527	20,638	17,845			
Feb.	(a)	8,931	24,605	23,965	24,347	21,463	22,911	56,434			
Mar.	230	8,335	25,642	20,140	19,296	21,733	21,765	55,955			
Apr.	222	8,073	23,820	14,742	18,083	18,896	23,198	52,207			
May				22,295	22,894	26,616	22,924	60,347			

(a) Excludes underfeet and underlays. (b) Excludes bedding pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting.

(d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,  
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

*Household appliances - continued*

Period	Radios and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air- con- ditioners (b)	Electric motors				Internal combustion engines - petrol (c)		
	Season- ally adjusted		Season- ally adjusted			Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Season- ally adjusted		
	Original	No.	Original	No.		Original	'000	Original	'000	Original	No.	
		No.		No.								
1974-75p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..	
1975-76p	80,212	..	531,806	..	53,446	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..	
1976-77p	38,418	..	525,202	..	64,009	2,926	..	315	..	291,596	..	
1976-77p -												
Apr.	1,959	2,469	37,260	41,022	2,947	185	224	22.4	25.3	12,520	19,923	
May	1,248	1,312	38,925	37,889	3,524	195	196	24.5	24.1	5,575	11,337	
June	1,699	1,824	42,833	39,649	3,371	244	228	22.0	24.7	13,860	22,985	
1977-78p -												
July	1,646	1,648	41,597	40,663	3,665	239	232	25.7	23.9	33,661	26,780	
Aug.	2,117	1,967	37,162	33,559	4,992	258	225	29.5	24.8	39,604	34,083	
Sept.	2,875	2,269	41,261	33,789	6,136	269	238	24.3	22.0	24,103	16,497	
Oct.	2,736	2,133	26,786	24,530	6,974	212	191	21.0	18.1	27,298	16,523	
Nov.	1,795	1,532	31,149	26,867	8,587	255	201	35.6	30.3	40,163	26,241	
Dec.	950	899	20,781	24,016	7,331	199	217	26.9	28.2	13,779	13,231	
Jan.	297	767	6,203	15,501	3,835	87	179	11.7	32.2	6,731	10,019	
Feb.	916	975	26,816	26,972	5,788	195	215	25.2	24.0	13,827	17,371	
Mar.	666	615	22,035	20,772	4,539	205	200	30.0	29.2	14,686	23,819	
Apr.	396	492	22,432	24,437	3,653	163	178	25.7	26.3	12,877	18,870	
May					3,873					9,241	18,867	

*Dairy products  
(factory production)*

*Meat (carcass weight)*

Period	Whole milk for all purposes		Dairy products (factory production)				Meat (carcass weight)				Total		Dressed weight of poultry slaugh- tered (f)	
	Original	Season- ally adjusted	Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Processed milk products	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Original	Season- ally adjusted	'000	'000	
		million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	
1974-75	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..	189.4	189.4	
1975-76	6,248.2	..	147,635	112,617	630.8	1,840.4	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,602.0	..	204.2	204.2	
1976-77	5,764.6	..	118,092	103,667	734.3	1,987.8	303.7	245.5	185.1	2,722.1	..	218.1	218.1	
1976-77 -														
May	244.6	460.9	2,678	3,875	19.2	186.4	19.9	17.8	15.6	239.6	228.1	19.9	19.9	
June	218.3	440.8	1,893	3,319	17.5	196.9	14.9	17.7	17.3	246.8	230.0	19.7	19.7	
1977-78p -														
July	260.3	404.1	3,127	5,599	37.2	189.3	14.8	19.2	17.0	240.4	230.3	19.7	19.7	
Aug.	391.8	405.2	7,691	9,321	61.1	187.2	17.0	21.6	17.3	243.1	234.0	19.6	19.6	
Sept.	543.7	441.7	13,339	12,567	79.5	192.5	20.9	25.2	16.6	255.1	243.6	20.3	20.3	
Oct.	678.6	446.1	18,849	15,936	90.8	183.9	27.3	26.9	16.2	254.3	249.3	21.2	21.2	
Nov.	675.8	432.6	18,337	15,251	96.1	183.3	31.4	25.0	17.5	257.2	253.7	20.9	20.9	
Dec.	623.5	428.2	14,660	14,095	85.1	146.4	29.6	20.4	16.4	212.8	237.0	20.9	20.9	
Jan.	476.2	385.9	10,470	9,867	71.9	154.3	28.6	21.2	13.5	217.5	248.6	20.5	20.5	
Feb.	420.5	463.8	9,106	8,217	58.9	160.2	26.2	18.1	14.8	219.3	232.9	19.9	19.9	
Mar.	372.0	457.9	690.6	713.2	49.4	181.2	23.8	20.0	16.5	241.5	241.6	19.7	19.7	
Apr.	278.6	444.0	4,175	4,799	31.2	165.0	15.9	18.1	15.7	214.7	219.9	20.3	20.3	
May	225.7	419.6	2,702	3,394	18.5	196.4	17.9	19.3	18.4	252.0	231.2	21.5	21.5	
June						184.6	10.4	16.5	17.4	228.9	211.5			

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc., and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

## PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Period	Chemicals and allied products												
	Beer (b)			Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)		Sulphate of ammonia		Paints	
	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	Ready mixed paints and enamels
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886	
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,185	220	91.0	4,909	
1976-77p	1,182	732.2	1,939	..	29,846	..	1,721	..	3,137	202	89.2	4,392	
1976-77p -													
Apr.	94	58.8	158	169	2,537	2,615	165	149	340	12.68	6.16	274	
May	105	59.1	152	158	2,964	2,842	172	157	334	13.66	7.63	366	
June	117	53.1	142	169	3,170	2,982	177	196	310	14.37	7.62	339	
1977-78p -													
July	91	56.1	136	162	3,029	2,683	109	141	155	15.50	7.22	354	
Aug.	98	60.9	151	157	3,084	2,728	104	128	162	22.56	7.42	356	
Sept.	96	60.7	165	161	2,346	2,587	142	142	277	18.59	7.73	351	
Oct.	84	63.1	164	161	2,275	2,177	135	139	205	18.19	6.62	289	
Nov.	95	72.9	196	170	2,945	2,618	157	152	338	19.75	8.88	459	
Dec.	78	67.8	199	164	2,147	2,558	158	139	315	17.47	6.87	339	
Jan.	78	61.5	169	168	1,231	2,420	172	157	270	20.36	5.10	205	
Feb.	89	60.2	163	173	2,999	2,849	160	153	317	15.11	7.18	409	
Mar.	92	68.7	178	167	2,989	2,762	170	168	357	18.78	7.74	435	
Apr.	94	60.3	156	170	2,212	2,205	189	171	416	20.36	6.43	327	
May			166	166			177	165	377	19.58			
	Motor vehicles (e)												
	Cars and station wagons		Utilities and panel vans		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, aero, etc. (g)				
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Utilities	Panel vans	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	No.	'000	
Period	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	456,164	..	7,501	
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	30,988	..	456,164	..	456,164	..	8,384	
1976-77p	367,272	..	24,902	26,031	..	33,294	..	452,483	..	452,483	..	7,859	
1976-77p -													
Apr.	26,963	30,070	1,656	1,489	3,275	2,330	2,529	32,490	36,501	36,501	537		
May	33,047	28,506	2,343	1,926	3,724	2,997	2,752	40,337	34,663	34,663	659		
June	28,828	26,375	2,126	2,090	3,934	2,689	2,496	35,747	32,682	32,682	728		
1977-78p -													
July	27,306	27,152	1,867	2,194	3,770	2,858	2,670	34,243	34,120	34,120	653		
Aug.	29,387	26,895	1,923	2,130	3,645	2,912	2,404	36,390	32,706	32,706	679		
Sept.	28,781	24,229	1,765	1,779	2,986	2,576	2,129	34,927	29,480	29,480	654		
Oct.	13,744	12,453	1,303	1,040	2,296	1,382	1,314	17,515	15,710	15,710	405		
Nov.	33,166	28,892	2,232	2,272	3,940	2,771	2,635	40,490	35,738	35,738	650		
Dec.	23,874	27,720	1,786	1,723	4,065	1,921	2,294	29,391	34,596	34,596	599		
Jan.	10,892	32,879	751	548	4,006	541	2,449	13,140	38,191	38,191	278		
Feb.	28,540	29,352	1,953	1,703	3,770	2,451	2,538	34,681	35,888	35,888	662		
Mar.	31,090	29,755	1,856	1,724	3,455	2,470	2,469	37,240	35,913	35,913	569		
Apr.	27,450	28,676	1,784	1,281	2,937	2,404	2,446	33,040	34,693	34,693	631		
May	32,522	27,375	2,015	1,395	3,071	2,966	2,641	39,094	32,492	32,492	669		

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

## PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)		Yarns (d)					
Period	Total receipts '000 tonnes	Percentage of total received by brokers (b)	Scoured and carbonised wool (c)	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original	
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	..	17,903	..	1,396	
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	24,761	..	22,439	..	2,338	
1976-77p	628.0	75.9	72.8	20,735	..	19,332	..	1,456	
1976-77p -									
Apr.	29.4	75.8							
May	28.4	75.6							
June	22.9	75.0	17.27						
1977-78p -									
July	37.4	74.0							
Aug.	72.9	77.8	14.4						
Sept.	93.8	77.3							
Oct.	94.9	78.6							
Nov.	85.7	78.0	18.1						
Dec.	49.1	73.2							
Jan.	26.6	76.5							
Feb.	32.6	74.5	18.6						
Mar.	38.5	68.6							
Apr.	29.9	68.6							
May	29.6	68.8							
Textiles									
	Woven cloth (d) (e)								
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	'000 sq.metres	
1974-75p	41,364	..	7,308	..	16,237	..	84,831	..	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	..	8,004	..	16,725	..	97,847	..	2,031
1976-77p	39,608	..	6,539	..	16,595	..	96,909	..	1,581
1976-77p -									
Apr.	2,754	2,987	482	537	1,264	1,244	7,490	8,265	151
May	3,414	3,223	506	496	1,396	1,306	9,651	8,681	165
June	3,889	3,655	444	488	1,311	1,332	10,098	8,426	145
1977-78p -									
July	3,848	3,374	481	498	1,432	1,297	8,481	8,057	152
Aug.	3,494	3,116	569	539	1,468	1,314	10,554	8,961	148
Sept.	3,748	3,088	560	556	1,333	1,163	10,594	9,182	115
Oct.	2,748	2,541	451	427	1,221	1,124	7,551	7,119	63
Nov.	3,311	3,103	730	579	1,349	1,202	11,001	10,194	139
Dec.	2,856	3,226	496	571	983	1,112	7,928	9,669	94
Jan.	1,257	3,193	295	569	288	1,076	3,538	9,908	50
Feb.	3,050	3,080	568	493	1,251	1,332	8,497	8,577	115
Mar.	3,109	2,881	648	550	1,321	1,229	8,437	8,321	127
Apr.	2,832	3,265	574	606	1,302	1,257	7,864	8,368	133
May	3,151	2,883	569	512	1,592	1,491	8,880	7,728	159

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 30 centimetres wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

## PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Period	Clothing									
	Hosiery		Men's and youths -				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)	
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Suit	Short length coats and jackets (b)	Other	Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'	'000 pairs
	'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs
1974-75p	1,727	6,763	876	754	4,416	2,281	2,461	3,667	27,074	
1975-76p	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,861	2,125	3,647	30,072	
1976-77p	1,881	6,030	773	892	4,071	2,501	2,382	3,945	26,576	
1976-77p -										
Apr.	119	442	49.7	77.7	326	144	186	293	2,152	
May	142	490	64.8	78.3	332	166	204	334	2,258	
June	144	545	61.9	69.3	331	179	199	332	2,351	
1977-78p -										
July	152	496	61.3	58.1	308	231	219	297	2,292	
Aug.	177	451	81.1	56.4	356	279	250	339	2,633	
Sept.	149	446	71.0	47.5	380	270	223	312	2,558	
Oct.	108	370	75.9	40.3	365	271	178	313	2,250	
Nov.	153	377	68.7	51.8	393	318	257	364	2,639	
Dec.	123	432	58.0	38.6	306	198	199	278	1,967	
Jan.	68	175	17.9	22.4	129	73	65	101	1,141	
Feb.	133	491	49.8	65.1	370	200	207	287	2,407	
Mar.	133	476	48.6	72.2	397	192	211	299	2,508	
Apr.	133	498	49.9	86.0	378	191	170	262	2,380	
May	150	477								
	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)									
Period	Seasonally adjusted		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newspaper	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	Table	Other
	No.	No.								
1974-75p	298,125	..	12,508	2,124	4,656	363	196,405	59,462	30,928	55,377
1975-76p	334,857	..	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,154	43,211	55,899
1976-77p	307,173	..	13,056	2,115	4,604	464	206,590	57,281	69,140	51,620
1976-77p -										
Apr.	14,691	21,118	1,145	174	306	35.3	17,337	3,870	5,660	4,118
May	5,301	14,128	1,185	160	360	41.7	18,069	5,131	6,815	4,785
June	13,190	28,465	1,053	149	389	42.5	17,435	5,034	7,442	5,237
1977-78p -										
July	23,382	26,565	1,096	195	287	40.3	17,876	5,602	6,839	4,312
Aug.	32,112	27,679	1,216	135	382	45.6	17,860	4,935	7,248	4,281
Sept.	26,138	17,233	1,208	199	400	40.0	17,935	4,937	6,517	3,619
Oct.	37,295	20,383	1,146	206	416	36.8	18,155	4,464	7,411	4,141
Nov.	52,744	33,257	1,152	227	332	44.6	17,102	5,224	6,650	3,876
Dec.	17,469	16,310	1,225	197	338	36.0	13,870	3,986	4,733	2,617
Jan.	10,655	14,154	1,176	203	359	38.4	16,323	2,282	5,373	2,544
Feb.	19,033	21,289	1,024	195	305	42.8	16,810	5,133	7,458	3,187
Mar.	18,958	24,834	1,221	198	328	44.3	18,293	4,645	6,179	3,203
Apr.	10,919	15,768	1,119	167	281	41.8	17,932	4,758	7,670	3,686
May	8,361	22,363				44.0	18,128			

(a) includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) includes slippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

## TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1976-77	447,102	..	134,709	..	581,811	..	50,321	632,132
1977-78 p	432,404	..	131,560	..	563,964	..	37,963	601,927
1976-77 —								
May	37,645	35,107	11,319	10,463	48,964	45,572	3,264	52,228
June	40,514	38,100	13,262	12,099	53,776	50,199	3,121	56,897
1977-78 —								
July	38,123	37,904	12,174	11,592	50,297	49,496	3,239	53,536
Aug.	40,057	37,097	11,899	10,837	51,956	47,934	3,407	55,363
Sept.	34,515	35,111	10,190	10,368	44,705	45,479	3,367	48,072
Oct.	33,975	33,716	10,536	10,439	44,511	44,155	3,768	48,279
Nov.	36,451	35,409	10,565	10,171	47,016	45,580	3,249	50,265
Dec.	35,177	36,530	10,296	10,873	45,473	47,403	3,102	48,575
Jan.	30,125	35,930	8,406	10,402	38,531	46,352	2,821	41,352
Feb.	33,615	36,862	9,767	11,166	43,382	48,028	3,028	46,410
Mar.	34,881	34,092	10,250	10,698	45,131	44,790	2,970	48,101
Apr.	37,109	37,831	11,223	11,109	48,332	48,940	3,135	51,467
May p	40,279	35,603	12,808	11,135	53,087	46,738	3,242	56,329
June p	38,097	36,855	13,446	12,531	51,543	49,386	2,635	54,178

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

## RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Good and livestock				Overseas cargo		Interstate cargo shipped			
	Net tonnes consigned		Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Shipped from Australian ports	Discharged at Australian ports	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,143
1975-76	95,039	30,809.3	317.2	939.8	156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1976-77	99,789	p32,030.0	p326.9		164,370	2,041	20,083	6,857	28,221	1,969
1976-77 —										
Jan.	7,150	2,217.5	23.8	81.8	14,850	189	2,136	644	2,536	134
Feb.	7,884	2,494.0	31.4	78.8	13,667	134	1,371	542	2,417	171
Mar.	8,687	2,713.5	26.1	86.2	12,684	202	1,799	659	2,405	204
Apr.	7,811	2,539.0	26.0	79.7	12,550	171	1,671	596	2,000	176
May	8,641	2,857.6	29.4	87.5	14,583	203	1,731	620	2,391	167
June	9,079	2,889.6	25.9		12,169	149	1,572	597	1,982	158
1977-78 —					p	p	p	p	p	p
July	8,429	2,983.3	28.7	91.0	13,824	218	1,811	530	2,131	160
Aug.	8,372	2,988.6	25.6	96.1	15,147	168	1,921	591	2,649	163
Sept.	8,774	2,987.0	27.2	94.9	13,201	218	1,878	432	2,312	156
Oct.	8,557				15,290	200	1,811	376	2,520	184
Nov.					13,836	204	1,743	387	2,533	155
Dec.					14,622	190	1,977	397	2,046	244
Jan.					12,483	147	1,597	377	2,338	185
Feb.					12,407	141	1,912	358	2,231	223

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

## TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1974-75	560.3	573.5	387.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b) 3,986	(c) 4,117	1,822	17.0
1976-77	666.5	665.7	456.9	3,907	4,610	4,538	2,015	19.6
1976-77 -								
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	164	18.6
Mar.	61.4	61.2	40.8	3,849	516	374	156	18.9
Apr.	50.6	50.9	34.7	3,865	404	357	146	19.1
May	62.9	62.2	41.1	3,885	408	474	177	19.4
June	60.9	61.7	39.5	3,907	506	446	206	19.6
1977-78 -								
July	58.3	58.1	39.5	3,926	472	455	203	19.8
Aug.	62.0	63.5	41.3	3,948	520	484	188	20.1
Sept.	61.4	61.6	40.0	3,969	437	460	178	20.4
Oct.	55.8	56.3	36.4	3,988	337	387	154	20.6
Nov.	60.2	62.0	38.5	4,012	437	426	144	20.9
Dec.	51.6	56.4	37.9	4,030	287	375	159	21.1
Jan.	60.6	64.4	43.3	4,043	473	377	155	21.3
Feb.	67.0	62.2	39.9	4,065	462	416	180	21.6
Mar.	60.2	63.2	39.4	4,089	513	477	198	21.9

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

## CURRENT ACCOUNT

Period	Invisible credits							Invisible debits			Balance on current account
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	
1974-75	8,490	7,652	838	1,161	416	429	284	1,914	1,100	627	441 -954
1975-76	5,408	7,924	1,484	1,271	341	359	226	2,085	1,556	701	428 -1,089
1976-77	11,400	10,341	1,059	1,509	366	276	181	2,475	1,725	704	444 -1,957
1976-77 -											
Dec. qtr	2,804	2,406	398	395	92	75	49	577	452	164	100 -284
Mar. qtr	2,799	2,788	11	392	92	67	47	602	398	173	112 -676
June qtr	2,940	2,732	189	374	97	72	44	696	461	192	125 -699
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	3,013	2,824	189	393	84	86	45	672	491	236	135 -737
Dec. qtr	3,081	2,627	454	447	92	93	55	602	456	141	133 -191
Mar. qtr	2,835	2,875	-41	446	82	91	52	606	454	203	139 -771

## CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow					Monetary movements					
	Government		Private			Non-official monetary sector transactions		Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Monetary movements	
	Securities	Other	Trade credit	Other	Non-official monetary sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow			Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
1974-75	21	-55	-69	792	51	-250	490		-460	-4	-464
1975-76	46	-184	104	615	-25	-488	68		-1,053	32	-1,020
1976-77	371	-235	240	1,392	24	-326	1,467		-190	-301	-491
1976-77 -											
Dec. qtr	145	-17	97	434	79	-462	275		-7	-1	-9
Mar. qtr	-4	-28	80	518	-11	256	812		127	9	136
June qtr	-5	-119	21	391	34	26	349		-352	2	-350
1977-78 -											
Sept. qtr	482	-74	-137	117	46	-432	1		-584	-152	-736
Dec. qtr	357	-13	-142	292	-19	-357	118		-43	-30	-73
Mar. qtr	463	19	76	329	(a)	186	1,073		187	116	302

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

## NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)  
(\$ million)

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Gross domestic product			Components of gross domestic product				
							Gross domestic product at factor cost				
				Farm	Non-farm	Total	Wages, salaries and supple- ments	Trading enterprises	Financial enter- prises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies	
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	60,649	9,934	10,007	3,685	56,891	60,576	35,409	7,203	11,928	-584	6,619
1975-76	70,811	10,905	10,437	3,780	67,499	71,279	40,589	8,341	13,973	-151	8,526
1976-77	82,394	13,090	13,260	4,034	78,190	82,224	46,053	9,920	16,664	-165	9,752
1976-77 —											
Dec. qtr	22,002	3,249	3,083	1,580	20,588	22,168	11,868	2,960	5,028	-27	2,339
Mar. qtr	20,022	3,238	3,502	1,135	18,622	19,757	11,131	2,030	4,126	-17	2,487
June qtr	20,818	3,358	3,573	529	20,074	20,603	11,968	2,499	3,556	-57	2,637
1977-78 —											
Sept. qtr	22,032	3,451	3,631	881	20,971	21,852	12,237	2,654	4,574	-75	2,462
Dec. qtr	23,919	3,624	3,361	1,713	22,469	24,182	12,900	3,150	5,749	-99	2,482
Mar. qtr	22,022	3,390	3,620	917	20,775	21,692	12,291	2,471	4,442	-93	2,581
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 —											
Dec. qtr	20,129	3,170	3,111	973	19,215	20,188	11,265	2,480	4,081	-10	2,372
Mar. qtr	21,206	3,320	3,584	1,046	19,896	20,942	11,677	2,588	4,259	-34	2,472
June qtr	21,600	3,351	3,597	1,077	20,277	21,354	11,986	2,479	4,431	-61	2,519
1977-78 —											
Sept. qtr	21,913	3,456	3,500	986	20,883	21,869	12,276	2,650	4,455	-71	2,559
Dec. qtr	21,920	3,344	3,396	982	21,086	22,068	12,357	2,661	4,607	-81	2,524
Mar. qtr	23,398	3,374	3,701	1,029	22,042	23,071	12,787	3,046	4,793	-111	2,536

(a) For concepts see Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure (5206.0). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)  
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure									Gross national expenditure	
	Final consumption expenditure		Private								
	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total	Public enterprise	General government	Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	
ORIGINAL											
1974-75	35,259	9,150	2,442	1,343	4,309	8,694	2,833	2,829	945	929	60,649
1975-76	41,691	11,316	3,232	1,967	5,035	10,254	3,168	3,478	110	795	70,811
1976-77	47,835	13,249	4,029	1,945	6,040	12,014	3,539	3,616	1,010	1,132	82,394
1976-77 —											
Dec. qtr	12,549	3,388	1,033	519	1,645	3,197	907	923	674	365	22,002
Mar. qtr	11,559	3,132	963	430	1,412	2,805	805	762	262	697	20,022
June qtr	12,446	3,567	1,008	495	1,674	3,177	1,047	1,170	32	-620	20,818
1977-78 —											
Sept. qtr	12,690	3,530	3,021	568	1,577	3,166	924	793	-3	933	22,032
Dec. qtr	13,945	3,861	974	636	1,793	3,403	1,098	974	322	317	23,919
Mar. qtr	12,904	3,590	870	517	1,596	2,983	881	828	-160	996	22,022
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1976-77 —											
Dec. qtr	11,855	3,247	1,028	472	1,540	3,040	866	856	140	126	20,129
Mar. qtr	12,115	3,352	1,007	500	1,590	3,097	890	910	174	668	21,206
June qtr	12,479	3,443	1,005	483	1,563	3,051	939	984	654	50	21,600
1977-78 —											
Sept. qtr	12,816	3,581	986	559	1,622	3,167	981	884	-56	540	21,913
Dec. qtr	13,179	3,696	969	579	1,679	3,227	1,081	903	-366	230	21,920
Mar. qtr	13,512	3,841	909	601	1,798	3,308	982	991	-15	780	23,398

(a) For concepts see Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure (5206.0).

**VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES (a)**  
(\$ million)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	The exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on gross domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1974-75	35,359	9,150	8,694	5,662	955	929	60,649	9,934	10,007	60,576	3,685	56,891
1975-76	36,100	9,833	8,821	5,790	113	733	61,390	10,010	9,225	62,175	3,919	58,256
1976-77	37,301	10,367	9,153	5,527	790	912	63,950	11,040	10,407	64,583	3,935	60,648
1976-77 —												
Dec. qtr	9,878	2,666	2,487	1,440	689	286	17,446	2,810	2,565	17,691	1,660	16,031
Mar. qtr	8,883	2,450	2,088	1,195	197	534	15,347	2,174	2,636	15,285	1,140	14,145
June qtr	9,325	2,709	2,317	1,653	-127	-464	15,413	2,642	2,570	15,485	378	15,107
1977-78 —												
Sept. qtr	9,311	2,622	2,262	1,268	18	654	16,165	2,824	2,520	16,469	806	15,663
Dec. qtr	10,004	2,800	2,389	1,511	441	227	17,372	3,059	2,329	18,102	1,752	16,350
Mar. qtr	9,131	2,600	2,061	1,215	-193	706	15,520	2,396	2,477	15,639	779	14,860
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1976-77 —												
Dec. qtr	9,376	2,595	2,376	1,355	76	94	15,872	2,720	2,583	16,009	997	15,012
Mar. qtr	9,309	2,597	2,199	1,377	115	413	16,110	2,672	2,678	16,104	993	15,111
June qtr	9,315	2,603	2,218	1,430	516	165	16,247	2,673	2,615	16,305	981	15,324
1977-78 —												
Sept. qtr	9,394	2,654	2,262	1,381	-16	387	16,062	2,779	2,425	16,414	936	15,480
Dec. qtr	9,499	2,722	2,378	1,426	-346	130	15,709	2,963	2,347	16,325	926	15,399
Mar. qtr	9,364	2,757	1,280	1,405	39	492	16,537	2,698	2,516	16,719	916	15,803

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (5206.0).

## FINANCE

**NEW MONEY RAISED BY LISTED COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)**  
(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to listed companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raisings by Companies Listed on Australian Stock Exchanges* (5628.0). Excluded are bank overdrafts, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce		
	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total	Shares	Debentures, registered notes, etc.	Total
1974-75	84.3	368.1	452.2	18.1	421.6	439.6	36.0	89.2	125.2
1975-76	115.0	142.1	257.1	68.5	853.3	921.8	57.5	20.8	78.3
1976-77	182.4	147.4	329.8	212.2	939.7	1,151.9	9.5	31.3	40.8
1976-77 —									
Dec. qtr	80.1	14.7	104.8	113.1	411.2	524.3	2.5	10.6	13.1
Mar. qtr	23.1	—	23.1	64.7	104.9	169.6	0.2	3.6	3.8
June qtr	69.1	117.0	186.1	15.8	78.5	94.3	4.7	14.8	19.5
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	41.8	58.8	100.6	31.0	292.8	323.8	0.6	12.5	13.1
Dec. qtr	46.9	11.1	58.0	15.7	275.7	291.4	7.2	(b)-1.4	5.8
Mar. qtr	5.8	39.3	45.1	51.8	82.9	134.7	0.8	27.3	28.1
Other industries									
Period	Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.			Debentures, registered notes, etc.		
	Shares	Total	Shares	Total	Shares	Total	Shares	Total	
1974-75	32.7	69.8	102.5	171.1	948.6	1,119.7			
1975-76	91.3	78.2	169.5	332.3	1,094.4	1,426.7			
1976-77	68.1	91.0	159.1	472.0	1,209.6	1,681.6			
1976-77 —									
Dec. qtr	25.3	14.7	40.0	220.9	461.3	682.2			
Mar. qtr	10.4	77.6	88.0	98.4	186.2	284.5			
June qtr	21.4	(b)-5.5	15.9	110.9	204.8	315.7			
1977-78 —									
Sept. qtr	16.1	(b)-3.2	12.9	89.5	361.1	450.6			
Dec. qtr	22.5	35.3	57.8	92.4	320.7	413.1			
Mar. qtr	6.0	6.2	12.2	64.3	155.8	220.1			

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

**RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)**  
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Accounts of trading banks								Commonwealth Government securities			
	Notes on issue		Statutory Reserve Deposit	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	All Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	All other	
Held by public	Total											
June 1974	1,826.0	2,112.0	1,032.6	3.2	4.8	11.8	1,106.2	2,102.1	3,455.6	90.1	1,400.0	1,426.9
June 1975	2,194.3	2,518.0	421.4	14.9	13.8	8.3	890.9	1,660.0	3,283.3	123.2	1,191.1	929.6
June 1976	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.0	12.3	1,014.1	1,019.5	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
1976-77 -												
May	2,868.3	3,274.6	1,847.2	21.4	16.4	6.3	1,073.1	1,610.3	2,786.5	1,482.2	2,600.2	980.4
June	2,887.4	3,293.1	1,704.2	16.9	10.1	6.9	1,044.6	1,673.8	2,596.7	1,433.8	2,735.5	983.7
1977-78 -												
July	2,922.4	3,327.8	1,396.4	10.1	4.7	5.6	1,096.0	1,691.9	2,302.5	1,478.8	2,707.5	1,043.8
Aug.	2,973.3	3,384.5	1,369.5	7.3	2.2	5.7	1,091.5	2,228.9	2,517.8	1,822.2	2,842.9	906.6
Sept.	3,010.3	3,412.4	1,178.1	27.7	9.9	5.7	1,116.6	2,366.1	2,405.0	2,011.6	2,812.4	887.5
Oct.	3,008.0	3,423.5	1,120.1	41.8	15.1	7.1	1,155.6	2,449.7	2,622.7	2,254.6	2,602.4	733.0
Nov.	3,040.6	3,458.7	1,144.5	46.7	20.1	5.0	1,193.8	2,537.4	2,790.2	2,449.9	2,403.2	762.8
Dec. (b)	3,263.1	3,786.0	1,163.5	39.6	14.3	4.6	1,121.8	2,651.3	2,875.7	2,671.5	2,323.7	910.3
Jan.	3,147.7	3,595.4	1,176.0	32.0	9.5	15.9	1,100.1	2,620.7	2,671.7	2,978.1	1,935.0	964.8
Feb.	3,108.8	3,558.4	1,187.2	31.8	8.3	6.4	1,056.8	2,746.5	2,627.9	2,971.3	1,955.3	1,040.6
Mar.	3,193.9	3,649.2	1,204.8	29.7	7.9	5.8	1,111.3	2,960.6	2,682.3	3,211.5	2,080.9	994.5
Apr.	3,192.7	3,723.1	1,040.5	25.5	4.3	23.7	1,168.0	2,792.8	3,102.6	2,455.9	2,405.0	814.5
May	3,210.8	3,654.6	757.0	20.8	1.8	5.3	1,141.0	2,710.4	2,973.5			899.9
June	3,687.5	734.0	7.9	0.2	5.8	1,109.4	2,800.5	3,087.4				810.7

(a) Includes Special Reserve — I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights, capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT : ADVANCES			
Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
June 1974	205.4	1977-78 -	
June 1975	199.5	Sept.	402.9
June 1976	208.9	Oct.	417.3
		Nov.	429.0
1976-77 -		Dec. (a)	482.9
May	637.6	Jan.	715.6
June	586.7	Feb.	811.1
1977-78 -		Mar.	779.0
July	516.0	Apr.	569.0
Aug.	450.5	May	524.5
		June	480.9

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

**COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES**  
 (\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1974	60.1	247.0	1977-78 -		
June 1975	63.3	281.7	Sept.	93.8	319.7
June 1976	68.3	301.0	Oct.	94.0	318.0
			Nov.	96.1	314.8
1976-77 -			Dec. (a)	97.9	330.1
May	85.2	304.2	Jan.	96.9	327.7
June	89.7	316.0	Feb.	93.1	325.8
1977-78 -			Mar.	89.5	330.9
July	94.6	316.5	Apr.	90.7	349.5
Aug.	94.5	317.1	May	93.4	350.2
			June	95.3	362.8

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

**MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)**  
 (\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Commonwealth and State Government securities</i>										<i>Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)</i>	
	<i>Deposits</i>			<i>Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank</i>			<i>Loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market</i>					
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Treasury bills and Treasury notes</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>market</i>	<i>Bank</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>adjusted</i>		
June 1974	6,443	5,312	11,755	..	256.1	72.4	1,929.7	27.4	1,026.9	9,099	..	
June 1975	7,824	5,841	13,665	..	282.2	1,100.7	2,204.2	118.2	414.4	9,932	..	
June 1976	8,705	6,680	15,385	..	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,017	..	
1976-77 -												
May	10,456	6,945	17,401	17,676	357.4	261.9	3,369.6	125.6	1,827.8	12,013	11,850	
June	10,129	7,069	17,198	17,793	358.2	37.7	3,305.8	102.5	1,685.7	12,177	12,046	
1977-78 -												
July	9,831	7,001	16,832	17,595	353.2	47.2	3,346.5	100.6	1,379.9	12,364	12,224	
Aug.	9,957	6,997	16,954	17,529	356.2	27.8	3,203.0	139.1	1,352.7	12,373	12,373	
Sept.	10,027	7,008	17,035	17,550	349.2	73.1	3,246.9	182.0	1,163.2	12,529	12,590	
Oct.	10,233	7,196	17,429	17,656	360.4	76.6	3,342.6	124.0	1,105.1	12,926	12,767	
Nov.	10,351	7,377	17,728	17,713	362.6	88.3	3,352.6	211.3	1,127.5	12,964	12,930	
Dec. (d)	10,288	7,572	17,860	17,627	454.0	83.0	3,423.0	151.3	1,145.9	12,970	13,028	
Jan.	10,417	7,639	18,056	17,452	394.4	218.4	3,741.2	176.3	1,158.8	12,857	12,920	
Feb.	10,648	7,694	18,342	17,590	385.0	399.5	3,725.9	178.0	1,170.4	12,869	13,193	
Mar.	11,005	7,740	18,745	17,846	390.0	478.8	3,741.9	168.5	1,188.5	13,157	13,441	
Apr.	10,868	7,752	18,620	18,147	478.4	498.6	3,553.8	188.7	1,025.4	13,463	13,340	
May	10,417	7,473	17,890	18,071	381.5	150.3	3,377.6	219.5	745.8	13,757	13,573	
June	10,034	7,560	17,593	18,296	383.5	53.6	3,326.2	137.5	722.6	13,626	13,485	

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd, The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorized dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

**MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)**  
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	<i>Liquid assets and Commonwealth Government securities</i>				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Commonwealth and State Government securities	Total			
June 1974	2.2	0.6	16.4	19.2	8.7	77.4	40.7
June 1975	2.1	8.1	16.1	26.3	3.0	72.7	37.8
June 1976	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
<b>1976-77 -</b>							
May	2.1	1.5	19.4	22.9	10.5	69.0	35.7
June	2.1	0.2	19.2	21.5	9.8	70.8	36.3
<b>1977-78 -</b>							
July	2.1	0.3	19.3	21.7	8.2	73.5	36.9
Aug.	2.1	0.2	18.9	21.2	8.0	73.0	36.7
Sept.	2.1	0.4	19.1	21.5	6.8	73.6	36.7
Oct.	2.1	0.4	19.2	21.7	6.3	74.2	36.7
Nov.	2.1	0.5	18.9	21.5	6.4	73.1	37.2
Dec. (d)	2.5	0.5	19.2	22.2	6.4	72.6	38.2
Jan.	2.2	1.2	20.7	24.1	6.4	71.2	38.1
Feb.	2.1	2.2	20.3	24.6	6.4	70.2	37.7
Mar.	2.1	2.6	20.0	24.6	6.3	70.2	37.1
Apr.	2.6	2.7	19.1	24.3	5.5	72.3	37.2
May	2.1	0.8	18.9	21.9	4.2	76.9	37.3
June	2.2	0.3	18.9	21.4	4.1	77.3	38.0

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d)

Excludes one Wednesday.

**MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS**  
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)  
(\$ million)

Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of -	<i>New and increased lending commitments (b)</i>				<i>Overdraft limits (c)</i>		
	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft approvals	Total approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits	Overdraft limits outstanding (end of period)
Year to July -							
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	90.8			
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	104.1			
1977	6.4	2.8	95.7	104.9			
<b>1976-77 -</b>							
May	8.0	3.0	94.0	105.0			
June	6.4	3.3	98.7	108.3			
<b>1977-78 -</b>							
July	8.3	2.8	98.4	109.5			
Aug.	7.1	2.8	92.8	102.7	(e)	(e)	(e)
Sept.	7.8	2.7	104.4	115.0			
Oct.	6.3	2.8	116.8	125.9			
Nov.	14.8	3.3	116.7	134.8			
Dec.	10.6	3.6	102.5	116.7			
Jan.	6.9	3.1	99.6	109.6			
Feb.	7.7	2.8	102.4	112.8	70.7	31.7	15,680.0
Mar.	8.0	4.2	113.1	125.4	88.3	24.9	15,806.7
Apr.	6.9	3.8	116.5	127.1	58.3	58.2	15,906.2
May	7.9	3.3	132.0	143.2	85.0	47.0	16,197.0
June	10.2	3.4	136.2	149.8	94.3	41.9	16,385.1
							16,594.7

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from overdraft approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series. (e) Due to changes in accounting procedures data are not available on a comparable basis with subsequent months.

**ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)**  
 (\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Commonwealth and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market), advances and bills discounted	
	Current					Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other				
	Fixed	Bearing interest	Not bearing interest	Total							
June 1974	6,985.9	660.1	5,068.0	12,714.0	273.0	79.8	2,084.3	65.4	1,032.6	10,120.3	
June 1975	8,635.0	842.6	5,458.1	14,935.7	299.0	1,167.8	2,358.9	167.4	421.4	11,205.0	
June 1976	9,778.0	927.4	6,249.4	16,954.8	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,578.3	
<b>1976-77 -</b>											
May	11,787.7	883.4	6,604.5	19,275.7	379.5	313.6	3,624.5	150.0	1,847.2	13,873.2	
June	11,464.7	990.2	6,639.4	19,094.2	380.0	78.8	3,567.9	144.8	1,704.2	14,035.1	
<b>1977-78 -</b>											
July	11,221.7	952.0	6,575.4	18,749.1	374.9	74.5	3,517.5	145.0	1,396.4	14,276.9	
Aug.	11,345.1	930.4	6,584.9	18,860.4	378.3	50.5	3,483.0	178.9	1,369.5	14,299.7	
Sept.	11,446.6	910.7	6,613.5	18,972.8	371.7	101.7	3,530.9	217.3	1,178.1	14,465.9	
Oct.	11,744.6	945.8	6,776.2	19,466.6	384.7	114.9	3,633.3	166.0	1,120.1	14,927.4	
Nov.	11,838.0	924.5	6,991.8	19,754.3	385.8	125.3	3,636.6	254.1	1,144.5	14,955.8	
Dec. (c)	11,761.8	897.1	7,228.3	19,887.2	479.0	117.4	3,707.7	184.8	1,163.5	14,969.4	
Jan.	11,943.0	933.4	7,307.2	20,183.6	421.5	262.3	4,032.8	227.7	1,176.0	14,939.3	
Feb.	12,204.7	970.5	7,334.8	20,510.0	410.3	452.7	4,008.8	220.3	1,187.2	14,997.9	
Mar.	12,625.6	979.9	7,375.9	20,981.3	414.7	543.9	4,017.6	212.8	1,204.8	15,333.0	
Apr.	12,415.4	1,023.8	7,346.4	20,785.6	506.6	570.9	3,824.4	239.1	1,040.5	15,596.4	
May	11,976.7	977.3	7,081.0	20,035.0	407.1	210.0	3,653.1	260.4	757.0	15,894.8	
June	11,596.0	1,045.0	7,105.3	19,746.3	409.4	97.9	3,609.1	190.9	734.0	15,777.2	

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

**ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)**  
 (Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)  
 (\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
June 1974	3,772.6	2,932.5	799.2	438.9	502.9	113.3	21.4	70.5	8,651.2
June 1975	4,052.6	3,334.9	870.1	494.1	579.3	131.2	23.9	95.4	9,581.5
June 1976	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
<b>1976-77 -</b>									
May	5,646.1	5,252.4	1,284.8	748.4	909.2	200.9	33.5	173.6	14,249.0
June	5,443.8	5,209.3	1,421.8	789.7	875.5	184.0	36.3	150.7	14,111.2
<b>1977-78 -</b>									
July	5,684.5	5,525.5	1,400.9	766.9	920.8	213.0	34.0	147.2	14,692.7
Aug.	5,437.9	4,819.2	1,260.9	716.9	880.1	181.0	31.0	120.8	13,447.8
Sept.	5,869.3	5,082.7	1,391.2	737.5	873.1	186.3	32.0	143.4	14,315.5
Oct.	5,840.1	5,372.6	1,335.0	703.0	924.6	188.0	29.7	125.4	14,518.3
Nov.	6,238.5	5,267.4	1,379.9	773.0	993.7	199.3	32.2	134.0	15,017.9
Dec.	6,650.7	5,454.6	1,477.7	811.9	1,014.9	206.7	31.4	224.7	15,872.7
Jan.	6,761.7	5,105.6	1,271.7	726.1	956.9	169.5	28.7	155.0	15,175.3
Feb.	6,458.9	5,485.1	1,640.7	790.6	1,062.1	180.8	28.3	146.1	15,792.5
Mar.	5,626.4	4,774.6	1,258.0	747.6	963.2	179.3	29.6	146.6	13,725.3
Apr.	6,854.9	6,052.2	1,385.5	808.8	1,027.9	216.1	33.6	200.1	16,579.3
May	6,503.3	5,785.7	1,380.2	863.8	1,023.9	208.3	31.4	160.6	15,957.3
June	7,316.5	5,552.6	1,528.1	846.8	1,079.7	190.9	35.7	246.0	16,796.3

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

**SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)**  
(\$ millions)

<i>At end of -</i>	<i>Coin, bullion and notes</i>	<i>Deposits with Reserve Bank</i>	<i>Deposits with trading banks</i>	<i>Commonwealth and State Government securities (b)</i>	<i>Local and semi- govern- ment securities</i>	<i>Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market</i>	<i>Loans, advances and bills discounted</i>	
							<i>Housing</i>	<i>Other</i>
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
June 1976	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
<b>1976-77 -</b>								
Apr.	40.6	1,250.5	202.0	2,808.1	4,404.2	52.8	7,090.5	754.8
May	43.8	1,042.1	154.6	2,893.3	4,426.8	53.7	7,172.1	771.2
June	40.4	1,055.6	169.3	2,720.7	4,461.4	70.8	7,258.7	775.1
<b>1977-78 -</b>								
July	39.5	1,097.8	201.2	2,670.9	4,507.3	69.3	7,323.2	796.1
Aug.	38.9	1,077.0	195.3	2,775.7	4,533.5	60.0	7,444.4	803.1
Sept.	35.8	1,114.3	262.9	2,736.8	4,553.5	109.7	7,570.5	824.2
Oct.	40.4	1,208.2	210.0	2,857.0	4,597.3	56.0	7,639.7	869.6
Nov.	55.8	1,177.3	181.0	2,779.2	4,649.1	55.0	7,711.9	885.3
Dec.	55.2	1,096.8	203.9	2,892.6	4,720.5	96.9	7,821.1	827.8
Jan.	51.1	1,093.6	214.4	2,954.9	4,763.3	87.4	7,875.2	835.5
Feb.	54.1	1,034.2	239.5	3,086.4	4,791.5	102.9	7,940.3	839.7
Mar.	46.0	1,158.6	183.3	2,967.3	4,840.2	49.8	8,098.9	863.9
Apr.	42.6	1,167.8	211.2	2,825.1	4,854.6	100.9	8,208.2	816.9
May	51.0	1,109.2	195.9	2,752.3	4,854.9	73.1	8,306.6	868.1

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

**SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES**  
(\$ million)

<i>At end of -</i>	<i>Australia</i>							
	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>
June 1974	3,503.7	3,930.1	1,428.4	1,174.8	685.0	328.0	45.1	100.4
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2
June 1976	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8
<b>1976-77 -</b>								
Apr.	4,646.3	5,856.1	2,039.1	1,728.1	945.7	467.3	73.4	137.6
May	4,698.7	5,856.9	2,094.2	1,735.3	950.0	470.0	73.2	138.5
June	4,803.2	5,977.5	2,148.7	1,780.8	960.5	477.1	74.7	142.7
<b>1977-78 -</b>								
July	4,828.9	6,046.2	2,175.6	1,789.4	966.2	480.3	75.5	142.7
Aug.	4,861.7	6,120.2	2,204.3	1,796.5	973.0	491.9	75.6	143.4
Sept.	4,904.2	6,201.0	2,245.5	1,811.9	994.9	497.0	76.2	145.3
Oct.	4,963.9	6,229.5	2,323.4	1,830.6	1,007.3	501.6	77.4	148.2
Nov.	4,965.2	6,224.7	2,332.4	1,838.1	1,013.3	503.8	77.1	148.6
Dec.	4,997.7	6,283.8	2,347.4	1,870.6	1,017.0	503.7	76.9	148.6
Jan.	5,037.3	6,353.7	2,350.6	1,879.6	1,026.3	508.0	73.6	150.6
Feb.	5,079.2	6,419.4	2,364.2	1,899.6	1,034.5	520.5	72.9	152.8
Mar.	5,060.4	6,379.8	2,343.7	1,892.4	1,028.5	521.2	72.2	154.5
Apr.	5,060.8	6,365.6	2,337.9	1,880.8	1,019.8	517.9	73.4	152.4
May	5,158.0	6,423.4	2,385.1	1,897.6	1,031.5	523.7	74.2	156.2

(a) Increases ended 1973-74, \$495.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m; 1976-77, \$715.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1971-72 to 1975-76* (5616.0). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (5614.0) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (5631.0).

**FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT  
(\$ million)**

Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans					
					Finance for housing			Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Other commercial loans	
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Construction other than housing		Other purposes (c)	Total amount financed
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>										
1974-75	1,142.3	347.7	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,379.8	523.6	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,223.3	7,649.5
1976-77	1,530.3	647.4	3,869.2	247.1	516.2	514.3	165.1	569.5	1,430.8	9,490.2
<b>1976-77 -</b>										
Mar.	133.6	58.6	365.0	25.4	45.3	39.4	13.6	44.9	108.3	834.0
Apr.	116.8	50.0	301.2	19.5	42.2	35.8	12.6	47.0	139.7	764.8
May	134.2	60.6	355.8	22.7	43.4	41.0	11.9	60.4	132.2	862.3
June	133.4	59.5	336.5	20.4	40.8	39.5	17.3	64.6	178.2	890.2
<b>1977-78 -</b>										
July	125.7	53.1	322.1	20.0	41.5	40.0	12.9	59.8	157.9	833.0
Aug.	132.8	57.2	346.4	26.1	44.4	40.0	13.7	55.6	139.8	855.8
Sept.	131.4	54.5	331.5	26.0	42.0	33.8	13.9	56.8	146.3	836.4
Oct.	124.6	52.6	295.4	23.5	37.4	36.6	13.3	49.8	134.3	767.6
Nov.	132.3	63.1	366.1	25.9	41.3	35.7	14.4	64.9	119.1	862.7
Dec.	127.6	57.2	334.8	24.8	47.0	38.8	15.2	82.2	192.6	920.1
Jan.	114.3	46.9	243.5	14.8	31.6	26.9	10.1	63.3	140.0	691.5
Feb.	115.2	52.5	313.2	23.0	39.8	27.2	12.9	47.4	138.7	769.9
Mar.	123.3	57.0	356.8	27.3	40.3	31.2	12.7	55.4	137.6	841.8
Apr.	122.0	57.4	360.8	24.7	35.1	33.6	9.9	64.1	115.2	822.8
<b>STATES - MARCH 1978</b>										
N.S.W.	43.5	20.7	138.0	(d)	10.1	7.6	2.6	9.9	47.4	279.8
Vic.	28.2	16.1	104.1	(d)	7.9	8.4	1.3	30.5	52.7	249.2
Qld	18.6	9.7	50.3	(d)	7.3	5.9	4.4	6.6	11.9	114.7
S.A.	10.8	(e)5.0	(e)39.1	(d)	5.7	4.0	1.5	2.5	3.4	69.9
W.A.	13.3	3.4	37.9	(d)	7.8	2.9	2.5	5.3	17.6	90.9
Tas.	4.9	0.9	10.0	..	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	3.4	18.8
N.T.	1.2	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.9
A.C.T.	2.9	1.2	4.6	..	0.7	2.1	0.2	0.6	1.2	13.5
<b>STATES - APRIL 1978</b>										
N.S.W.	45.3	21.1	143.7	(d)	9.3	8.9	1.7	11.1	36.1	277.3
Vic.	27.2	17.5	99.1	(d)	6.8	8.3	0.8	37.7	42.0	239.4
Qld	18.3	9.2	49.0	(d)	7.7	6.0	4.0	6.7	11.2	112.1
S.A.	10.1	(e)4.7	(e)37.6	(d)	4.5	4.0	1.2	3.4	4.7	67.6
W.A.	12.7	2.5	41.1	(d)	5.7	3.9	1.7	3.6	18.4	89.5
Tas.	5.1	1.1	10.2	..	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	2.2	19.6
N.T.	0.8	(e)	(e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.3
A.C.T.	2.5	1.4	4.8	..	0.6	1.8	0.2	1.2	0.4	13.0

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately; included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

**FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF FINANCE AGREEMENT**  
 (\$ million)

At end of -	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans				
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Total all contracts
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>									
1974-75	1,900.7	601.1	360.9	45.1	1,260.2	978.5	715.1	2,238.7	8,100.2
1975-76	2,230.2	803.9	589.3	51.3	1,368.9	1,021.2	946.1	2,238.3	9,249.1
1976-77	2,604.3	1,048.2	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,060.4
1976-77 -									
Mar.	2,524.6	988.4	844.8	60.2	1,579.6	1,075.0	1,059.1	2,410.8	10,542.5
Apr.	2,546.8	1,005.3	871.9	62.5	1,608.4	1,083.6	1,073.5	2,496.7	10,748.7
May	2,571.2	1,024.7	595.6	62.5	1,632.8	1,086.6	1,095.6	2,554.2	10,923.4
June	2,604.3	1,048.2	913.2	60.9	1,657.9	1,090.5	1,123.8	2,561.6	11,060.4
1977-78 -									
July	2,628.4	1,064.8	926.0	59.9	1,677.5	1,088.1	1,143.8	2,470.9	11,059.3
Aug.	2,649.6	1,081.7	941.9	66.5	1,679.1	1,073.0	1,152.9	2,408.2	11,132.9
Sept.	2,676.0	1,094.1	967.9	69.6	1,689.8	1,076.5	1,163.3	2,487.2	11,224.6
Oct.	2,698.3	1,105.6	966.3	71.5	1,682.7	1,076.8	1,186.2	2,470.9	11,258.3
Nov.	2,724.9	1,125.8	996.4	72.7	1,694.3	1,074.2	1,192.3	2,546.3	11,426.9
Dec.	2,747.0	1,137.7	1,012.4	73.4	1,711.5	1,076.7	1,197.7	2,565.1	11,521.5
Jan.	2,762.7	1,141.5	968.5	64.6	1,711.5	1,082.6	1,195.3	2,559.8	11,486.5
Feb.	2,754.1	1,152.1	984.6	66.1	1,715.0	1,066.3	1,223.0	2,538.9	11,500.1
Mar.	2,761.1	1,166.5	1,011.0	75.3	1,725.0	1,054.1	1,221.3	2,535.1	11,549.2
Apr.	2,772.4	1,179.2	1,030.6	76.7	1,735.2	1,058.0	1,224.6	2,526.3	11,603.1
<b>STATES - MARCH 1978</b>									
N.S.W.	962.5	472.6	355.1	(a)	431.1	361.7	381.4	1,071.5	4,036.1
Vic.	599.3	350.6	319.6	(a)	337.4	296.4	281.9	896.8	3,082.1
Qld	469.3	155.4	137.7	(a)	503.0	163.3	243.4	248.9	1,920.9
S.A.	265.8	92.8	95.7	(a)	247.7	87.4	109.7	68.2	967.2
W.A.	291.2	48.4	145.7	(a)	146.2	97.9	148.9	101.2	979.5
Tas.	103.2	17.8	22.8	..	4.1	14.3	31.9	7.7	201.9
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.7	28.9	9.5	..	55.4	33.1	24.0	140.8	361.4
<b>STATES - APRIL 1978</b>									
N.S.W.	966.2	474.9	363.3	(a)	433.2	356.7	380.8	1,041.9	4,017.0
Vic.	601.8	356.3	325.1	(a)	336.5	319.5	283.6	910.8	3,133.6
Qld	470.4	158.1	141.5	(a)	508.1	156.5	245.3	237.4	1,917.3
S.A.	266.8	93.1	98.1	(a)	247.0	84.5	112.5	69.7	971.9
W.A.	293.9	49.3	145.9	(a)	150.7	95.9	146.3	105.2	987.1
Tas.	104.1	18.4	23.1	..	4.3	14.2	32.4	7.4	204.0
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	69.2	29.1	10.3	..	55.4	30.7	23.6	154.0	372.2

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

**FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS**  
(\$ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non-financial companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>		
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
1974-75	586.2	1,430.0	3,578.8	3,516.0	547.8	471.2	197.9
1975-76	1,016.4	1,923.8	4,179.6	4,057.4	658.6	334.2	259.5
1976-77	1,410.0	2,737.1	5,421.3	5,309.5	713.2	272.5	302.9
1976-77 -							
Mar.	134.4	2,483.1	666.9	726.6	630.5	494.5	338.8
Apr.	117.8	2,556.6	487.5	481.9	572.3	414.3	347.4
May	128.2	2,630.4	499.7	444.7	623.2	381.1	359.8
June	156.5	2,737.1	510.8	422.0	718.2	272.5	302.9
1977-78 -							
July	133.0	2,802.2	570.2	538.9	749.5	276.4	302.9
Aug.	134.7	2,912.2	670.3	682.8	737.7	348.2	321.4
Sept.	132.6	2,957.6	637.0	644.2	734.9	284.5	341.6
Oct.	129.1	3,036.7	593.7	575.4	753.1	344.6	284.3
Nov.	142.1	3,150.2	484.2	477.8	718.6	376.7	294.6
Dec.	147.3	3,229.0	596.1	574.8	740.0	497.0	301.0
Jan.	113.8	3,269.7	488.4	513.4	715.0	498.9	340.2
Feb.	128.8	3,333.8	469.7	456.2	727.5	499.3	326.3
Mar.	153.2	3,409.6	411.3	460.6	678.2	540.5	351.6
Apr.	147.1	3,452.0	329.4	340.6	667.2	531.4	373.2
STATES - MARCH 1978							
N.S.W.	50.8	1,095.8					
Vic.	41.6	1,034.2					
Qld.	25.6	568.4					
S.A.	13.1	291.2					
W.A.	15.5	304.4					
Tas.	2.7	57.7					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	3.8	57.8					
STATES - APRIL 1978							
N.S.W.	50.3	1,123.7					
Vic.	40.5	1,035.4					
Qld.	26.6	583.5					
S.A.	12.2	299.1					
W.A.	12.6	292.3					
Tas.	2.6	59.2					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.2	58.7					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

## PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

Period	Construction of dwellings	To individuals for			Alterations and additions	Other purposes
		Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings	Total		
AUSTRALIA						
1976-77 -						
Apr.	16,017	20,548	85,034	121,599	1,978	8,172
May	21,678	22,086	104,802	148,566	2,356	7,160
June	19,373	22,561	96,009	137,943	2,417	5,183
1977-78 -						
July	21,555	26,544	107,733	155,832	2,411	8,047
Aug.	27,280	31,549	115,042	173,871	3,602	8,211
Sept.	23,190	28,139	114,760	166,089	3,621	5,945
Oct.	19,449	23,999	90,556	134,004	2,997	8,338
Nov.	19,043	26,259	98,538	143,840	2,795	6,031
Dec.	17,939	21,804	87,226	126,969	2,461	4,194
Jan.	17,998	18,918	82,454	119,370	2,466	2,782
Feb.	17,324	22,536	93,788	133,648	2,632	3,314
Mar.	17,784	20,811	92,977	131,572	2,527	3,214
Apr.	19,275	20,237	87,085	126,597	2,258	5,613
May	21,285	24,634	101,224	147,143	2,624	6,078
STATES - MAY 1978						
N.S.W.	6,771	9,453	48,674	64,898	1,502	2,027
Vic.	1,983	5,880	19,991	27,854	313	708
Qld	2,263	2,801	8,395	13,459	158	597
S.A.	708	1,138	5,201	7,047	277	8
W.A.	9,133	3,602	15,332	28,067	214	2,598
Tas.	320	191	1,652	2,163	96	140
A.C.T. and N.T.	107	1,569	1,979	3,655	64	..

## PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1976-77 -							
Apr.	117,892	6,894	288,240	4,838,903	4,538,195	1,294,300	201,916
May	141,017	7,715	290,474	4,931,282	4,643,060	1,293,917	203,812
June	138,808	7,456	284,516	5,021,897	4,711,087	1,309,910	224,104
1977-78 -							
July	138,920	8,080	296,090	5,139,195	4,843,333	1,362,445	201,592
Aug.	157,393	8,728	308,086	5,246,376	4,928,464	1,397,377	210,437
Sept.	158,250	6,987	312,459	5,357,315	4,971,107	1,427,482	248,857
Oct.	142,299	8,285	298,876	5,448,700	4,923,787	1,454,328	267,510
Nov.	148,128	9,644	287,739	5,546,547	5,028,347	1,474,146	276,939
Dec.	150,408	8,068	252,693	5,639,154	5,133,048	1,520,924	248,237
Jan.	94,844	6,731	273,484	5,695,420	5,228,965	1,553,784	247,451
Feb.	126,209	6,535	277,109	5,775,486	5,286,513	1,580,181	250,259
Mar.	131,299	6,891	273,005	5,845,324	5,282,785	1,566,751	272,859
Apr.	124,157	6,734	270,969	5,916,720	5,300,896	1,564,730	278,772
May	147,949	6,845	265,942	5,997,281	5,409,829	1,569,933	296,995
STATES - MAY 1978							
N.S.W.	66,344	3,406	146,159	2,425,463	3,002,373	19,677	65,174
Vic.	27,407	944	46,041	1,139,561	340,297	968,446	15,453
Qld	10,506	399	15,206	781,531	819,058	26,531	40,314
S.A.	6,984	379	10,213	270,364	312,745	9,550	16,732
W.A.	31,019	1,338	39,529	1,107,575	716,517	470,516	124,928
Tas.	1,843	47	2,751	116,524	107,703	36,980	1,191
A.C.T. and N.T.	3,846	333	6,043	156,263	111,136	38,233	33,201

## LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities) (a)						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordin-	Indus-	Super-	Ordin-	Indus-	Super-	
	Number	Sum Insured	Number	Sum Insured	Number	Sum Insured	ary	trial	annua-	ary	trial	annua-	
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1974-75	492.8	7,236.0	72.7	199.6	104.0	6,233.4	743.0	57.7	513.1	470.1	48.6	258.8	279.7
1975-76	467.1	8,407.7	60.2	193.2	120.4	7,487.2	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.1	204.0
1976-77	468.8	10,167.2	51.7	186.8	117.7	8,093.1	804.3	55.9	703.5	545.0	55.6	403.5	257.8
1976-77 -													
Jan.	22.5	530.3	1.5	6.1	6.1	327.3	58.0	0.7	63.1	34.1	2.6	40.8	13.4
Feb.	30.9	664.7	4.0	14.2	8.2	436.5	61.4	4.2	64.1	40.6	4.2	29.7	19.3
Mar.	40.9	888.3	4.3	15.2	9.9	511.2	72.0	4.4	59.6	48.4	4.9	35.7	21.6
Apr.	33.4	760.1	3.5	13.0	7.8	450.7	61.3	5.2	60.2	39.7	4.6	32.9	25.0
May	42.5	904.3	5.0	18.5	9.6	609.6	71.3	4.9	65.4	48.9	5.7	30.1	22.6
June	43.7	1,003.9	5.1	18.5	9.9	812.6	91.7	4.5	69.6	59.8	5.1	34.6	23.7
1977-78 -													
July	40.6	932.5	4.9	18.4	10.3	771.6	79.7	5.0	71.3	53.9	4.8	47.4	19.9
Aug.	45.3	1,041.0	5.2	19.4	11.3	745.2	68.1	4.8	58.8	52.0	5.6	37.7	20.4
Sept.	41.3	958.4	4.3	16.3	10.2	1,122.7	67.7	4.8	66.8	52.0	3.9	34.9	20.5
Oct.	39.6	944.7	5.0	19.8	8.6	670.3	65.4	4.3	64.5	47.2	5.5	32.3	19.8
Nov.	40.8	983.9	3.9	15.5	9.2	1,101.8	68.1	5.4	64.7	49.8	5.5	38.7	18.7
Dec.	38.0	1,085.2	2.3	9.0	9.6	982.7	66.6	7.3	65.0	46.9	4.1	40.5	22.5
Jan.	23.0	577.0	0.8	3.3	4.6	386.5	60.8	0.8	65.6	34.7	2.5	32.8	12.8
Feb.	32.4	844.3	3.4	17.8	6.9	491.8	64.4	4.6	73.8	45.3	3.6	34.3	19.3

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

## LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

At end of -	Loans (b)					Investments					Shares		
	On mortgage		On policies			Govt. securities		Local and semi-govt. securities		Debentures and notes			
	Fixed assets	Housing	Other incl. rural	On policies	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares				
June 1975 (c)	1,818.4	491.1	840.6	284.4	80.9	1,946.9	808.1	846.2	1,406.7				
June 1976	2,115.3	487.1	821.8	279.5	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1				
June 1977	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9				
1976-77 -													
Sept.	2,196.3	492.3	804.7	277.2	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1				
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.0	277.4	65.6	2,283.6	873.5	916.5	1,711.5				
Mar.	2,336.5	495.9	806.3	280.9	69.7	2,276.6	898.5	927.5	1,751.6				
June	2,364.6	499.8	795.8	287.7	77.5	2,327.8	908.9	915.1	1,791.9				
1977-78 -													
Sept.	2,427.1	515.0	780.1	288.7	77.7	2,416.8	954.3	922.9	1,821.2				
Dec.	2,573.2	505.4	792.5	292.0	85.4	2,507.8	995.5	920.2	1,901.4				

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies' ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,  
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA  
(\$'000)**

Month	Banks		Building societies		Government				Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Perman- ent	Term- inating	Finance companies	Housing authorities	Other	Credit unions		
<b>HOUSES</b>										
1977-78 -										
Apr.	129,140	42,106	105,752	11,146	28,226	14,527	4,452	1,231	7,172	343,752
May	151,970	42,076	128,226	9,686	29,946	18,310	4,334	1,618	8,214	394,380
June	166,767	49,470	120,223	10,890	28,861	18,704	3,724	1,607	7,904	408,150
1977-78 -										
July	157,168	41,436	136,713	8,715	25,638	27,653	2,983	1,471	8,588	410,365
Aug.	170,841	53,352	152,740	14,832	24,661	20,805	3,989	1,450	7,952	450,622
Sept.	151,653	41,654	145,929	23,536	22,282	21,608	2,536	1,565	7,724	418,587
Oct.	156,092	45,471	117,689	30,959	24,632	21,482	3,898	1,669	8,837	410,729
Nov.	197,790	65,265	125,860	26,616	25,415	24,758	4,177	1,333	9,193	480,407
Dec.	141,583	39,230	110,439	19,386	22,095	20,923	2,765	1,003	8,336	365,760
Jan.	165,139	50,432	105,823	16,150	19,833	19,424	2,864	1,171	6,796	387,632
Feb.	171,819	60,927	118,196	18,436	22,968	21,353	3,064	2,199	10,190	429,152
Mar.	181,592	65,142	115,710	16,379	25,595	18,021	3,499	1,541	8,717	436,196
Apr.	167,375	53,559	113,978	19,346	25,035	15,297	3,184	1,631	9,687	409,092
May	198,440	62,733	130,155	20,338	29,047	17,437	4,253	2,028	11,319	475,650
<b>OTHER DWELLINGS</b>										
1976-77 -										
Apr.	8,497	2,749	15,847	903	1,179	281	184	112	807	30,559
May	9,799	2,854	20,340	918	3,221	604	226	107	613	38,682
June	9,512	3,335	17,720	822	2,343	576	219	74	691	35,292
1977-78 -										
July	9,045	2,797	19,119	730	1,588	861	99	200	744	35,183
Aug.	9,879	3,685	21,131	978	1,989	719	48	226	646	39,301
Sept.	8,893	3,804	20,160	2,335	1,325	1,235	163	103	581	38,599
Oct.	8,973	3,274	16,315	1,331	1,638	714	183	158	632	33,218
Nov.	9,980	4,534	17,980	1,183	2,166	458	191	113	472	37,077
Dec.	7,579	3,012	16,530	824	2,620	804	126	271	371	32,137
Jan.	6,896	2,936	13,547	867	2,098	590	60	59	485	27,538
Feb.	11,099	4,127	15,452	1,081	1,709	722	268	263	468	35,189
Mar.	11,205	4,562	15,862	884	3,075	567	145	206	712	37,218
Apr.	9,607	3,596	12,619	937	2,942	720	130	94	763	31,408
May	11,502	5,623	16,988	1,071	2,308	868	268	224	1,005	39,857
<b>TOTAL</b>										
1976-77 -										
Apr.	137,637	44,855	121,599	12,049	29,405	14,808	4,636	1,343	7,979	374,311
May	161,769	44,930	148,566	10,604	33,167	18,914	4,560	1,725	8,827	433,062
June	176,279	52,805	137,943	11,712	31,204	19,280	3,943	1,681	8,595	443,442
1977-78 -										
July	166,213	44,233	155,832	9,445	27,226	28,514	3,082	1,671	9,332	445,548
Aug.	180,720	57,037	173,871	15,810	26,650	21,524	4,037	1,676	8,598	489,923
Sept.	160,546	45,458	166,089	25,871	23,607	22,843	2,699	1,758	8,305	457,186
Oct.	165,065	48,745	134,004	32,290	26,270	22,196	4,081	1,827	9,469	443,947
Nov.	207,770	69,799	143,840	227,799	27,799	25,216	4,368	1,446	9,663	517,484
Dec.	149,162	42,242	126,969	20,210	24,715	21,727	2,891	1,274	8,707	397,897
Jan.	172,035	53,368	119,370	17,017	21,931	20,014	2,924	1,230	7,281	415,170
Feb.	182,918	65,054	133,648	19,517	24,677	22,075	3,332	2,462	10,658	464,341
Mar.	192,797	69,704	131,572	17,263	28,670	18,588	3,644	1,747	9,429	473,414
Apr.	176,982	57,155	126,597	20,283	27,977	16,017	3,314	1,725	10,450	440,500
May	209,942	68,356	147,143	21,309	31,355	18,305	4,521	2,252	12,324	515,507

**SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET**  
**SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS**  
*(Source : Reserve Bank of Australia)*

*Asset holdings (face value)*

Month	Average of weekly figures - \$ million												Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)	
	Liabilities to clients			Commonwealth Government securities			Trading Banks certificates of deposit			Interest rates on loans accepted during month				
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other	Total	Commercial bills			At call	For fixed periods			
<i>Average of weekly figures - \$ million</i>														per cent per annum
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.8%	
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.7%	
June 1976	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.73	
<i>1976-77 -</i>														
Mar.	121.8	832.3	954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16	
Apr.	76.1	723.5	799.6	196.8	515.1	711.9	101.6	14.0	0.50	16.85	2.00	11.50	5.96	
May	150.0	640.2	790.2	129.8	580.9	710.7	124.5	18.2	0.50	17.05	2.50	12.65	8.60	
June	144.8	701.5	846.3	54.6	774.9	829.5	129.8	21.6	3.00	15.30	5.00	13.80	9.33	
<i>1977-78 -</i>														
July	145.0	746.8	891.8	20.8	927.8	948.6	99.8	16.1	1.75	19.00	5.20	12.25	9.41	
Aug.	178.9	773.7	952.6	10.6	935.6	946.2	136.2	18.7	2.00	18.00	4.00	13.00	9.81	
Sept.	217.3	811.4	1,028.7	19.1	995.2	1,014.3	124.1	27.9	1.50	18.35	4.00	12.80	9.36	
Oct.	166.0	992.3	1,158.3	30.3	1,065.1	1,095.4	113.1	19.0	1.60	17.60	2.50	12.60	8.79	
Nov.	254.1	947.7	1,201.8	41.9	1,107.2	1,149.1	118.8	15.6	1.00	18.35	2.00	11.80	9.46	
Dec. (b)	184.8	963.7	1,148.5	46.2	1,069.2	1,115.4	137.0	14.5	2.00	18.85	4.00	14.0%	8.99	
Jan.	227.7	1,071.3	1,299.0	49.2	1,141.7	1,190.9	118.5	5.2	2.50	18.45	5.60	11.60	8.65	
Feb.	220.3	1,149.8	1,370.1	78.4	1,201.4	1,279.8	114.1	6.1	1.00	18.80	3.00	11.10	8.32	
Mar.	212.8	1,097.1	1,309.9	52.0	1,160.0	1,212.0	111.5	7.8	2.00	18.30	5.00	11.01	8.15	
Apr.	239.1	1,009.2	1,248.3	94.9	1,046.8	1,141.7	115.2	6.5	1.00	17.80	2.50	10.80	7.84	

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

End of period	OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a) (\$ million)						Total (b)	
	Gold	Special Drawing Rights	IMF gold tranche	Foreign exchange				
				US\$	Other	Total		
June 1974	210	150	149	1,852	1,199	3,051	3,560	3,471
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,409
June 1976	749	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	3,086	3,027
<i>1976-77 -</i>								
Mar.	1,009	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	3,731	2,715
Apr.	1,014	36	176	1,723	831	2,554	3,780	3,782
May	997	27	176	1,548	844	2,392	3,591	3,546
June	947	27	174	1,312	851	2,164	3,312	3,256
<i>1977-78 -</i>								
July	959	27	174	1,040	853	1,893	3,053	3,008
Aug.	985	25	175	655	861	1,517	2,701	2,729
Sept.	1,013	25	174	763	844	1,607	2,820	2,848
Oct.	1,061	25	174	874	865	1,739	3,000	3,016
Nov.	1,079	23	175	780	881	1,661	2,938	2,961
Dec.	1,076	23	177	683	919	1,603	2,879	2,891
Jan.	1,164	29	177	567	924	1,491	2,861	2,992
Feb.	1,199	135	179	481	953	1,435	2,948	2,926
Mar.	1,229	123	180	792	939	1,731	3,262	3,245
Apr.	1,180	122	179	822	925	1,747	3,229	3,207

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; from February 1976 to end May 1976 gold is valued at the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate; subsequently, the basis of valuation is the average London gold price for the month, converted to Australian dollars at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets had been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on a historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payments transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in exchange rates.

**COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES  
(\$ million)**

<i>End of period</i>	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total	<i>End of period</i>	Treasury bills	Treasury notes	Bank balances	Total
June —					1977-78 —				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	-519.7	July	1,500.0	213.3	142.0	1,571.3
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	-1,038.0	Aug.	1,700.0	294.6	111.2	1,883.4
1975	..	2,076.0	765.0	1,311.0	Sept.	1,800.0	466.8	46.5	2,220.3
1976	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1	Oct.	2,300.0	446.1	103.7	2,642.4
1976-77 —					Nov.	2,400.0	472.4	93.0	2,779.4
Apr.	1,800.0	1,165.8	164.9	2,800.9	Dec.	2,900.0	560.6	127.2	3,333.4
May	1,200.0	707.6	187.1	1,720.5	Jan.	2,900.0	789.2	61.4	3,627.8
June	1,300.0	369.6	442.0	1,227.6	Feb.	2,800.0	989.2	53.0	3,736.2
					Mar.	3,300.0	979.0	135.9	4,143.1
					Apr.	2,400.0	777.2	71.7	3,105.5
					May	1,600.0	460.2	94.1	1,966.1

**COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS**

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury.

(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W. (b)</i>	<i>Vic. (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Six States</i>	<i>Commonwealth Government</i>
REVENUE								
1974-75	2,452.1	1,752.2	1,112.9	789.0	734.2	268.5	7,108.9	15,399.5
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1976-77	3,403.7	2,528.9	1,610.5	1,174.0	1,144.5	396.6	10,258.4	21,435.4
1977-78 —								
July-Dec.	1,850.3	1,317.5	901.5	547.3	639.4	210.5	5,466.4	9,207.2
July-Jan.	2,134.4	1,549.6	1,069.4	639.9	738.7	243.8	6,375.8	10,917.1
July-Feb.	2,433.2	1,765.6	1,210.1	734.0	838.0	275.4	7,256.2	12,829.9
July-Mar.	2,742.5	1,974.6	1,357.5	844.5	946.0	321.7	8,186.7	14,619.3
July-Apr.	3,036.3	2,198.2	1,497.5	933.3	1,046.2	353.4	9,065.0	17,490.3
July-May	3,365.5	2,499.5	1,654.1	1,033.6	1,147.9	383.1	10,083.7	20,926.2
EXPENDITURE								
1974-75	2,492.6	1,767.3	1,121.2	780.6	743.4	282.1	7,187.2	15,399.5
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1976-77	3,404.2	2,519.8	1,611.6	1,183.2	1,141.1	395.0	10,254.9	21,435.4
1977-78 —								
July-Dec.	1,771.6	1,345.4	847.2	574.4	615.4	225.9	5,380.0	12,678.7
July-Jan.	2,052.2	1,553.4	1,011.9	667.1	707.1	261.5	6,253.3	14,588.5
July-Feb.	2,386.0	1,803.5	1,143.0	761.2	809.5	298.8	7,202.1	16,599.2
July-Mar.	2,677.4	1,996.7	1,270.2	855.7	922.4	335.3	8,057.6	18,662.6
July-Apr.	2,995.6	2,246.0	1,446.6	950.3	1,028.6	369.6	9,036.7	20,460.5
July-May	3,347.1	2,489.5	1,602.5	1,062.7	1,148.0	413.1	10,062.9	22,577.9

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.